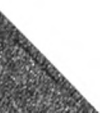


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DROPPING THE PILOT.

"* In consequence of disagreement with the German Emperor, Prince Bismarck resigned his post of Chancellor."

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THE DIVORCE SHOP.

PRIVATE INQUIRY AGENT.—“WANT A DIVORCE, SIR? CERTAINLY, SIR,—CERTAINLY! ANY EVIDENCE YOU MAY REQUIRE READY AT THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE NOTICE!!”

* * The evidence recently given in the Divorce Courts by the agents of so-called private inquiry offices, had given rise to well-founded suspicions as to the credibility of the witnesses.



PLAIN ENGLISH!

JOHN BULL.—“LOOK HERE, MY LITTLE FRIEND, I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOUR LITTLE FEELINGS,—BUT, COME, OFF THAT FLAG!!!”

* * Major Serpa Pinto, at the head of a small army, having invaded British protected territory in East Africa, Lord Salisbury had despatched an ultimatum to the Portuguese Government, to which they yielded under protest.



“COUNTING THE CHICKS!”

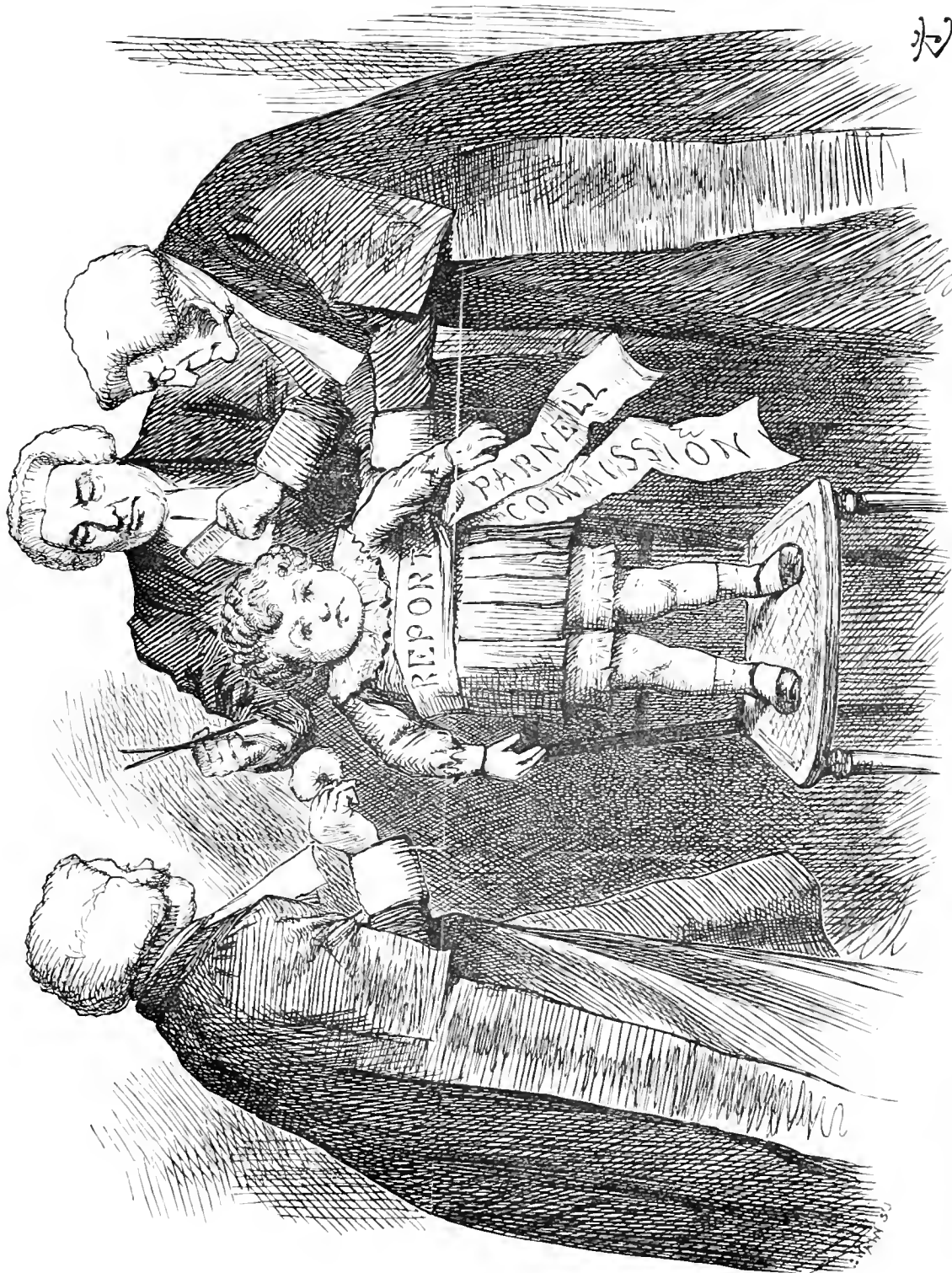
It was anticipated that Mr. Goschen would have a large surplus in the forthcoming budget, and speculation was rife as to how he would dispose of it.



THE FOREIGN FOX.

(WITH APOLOGIES TO ESOP.)

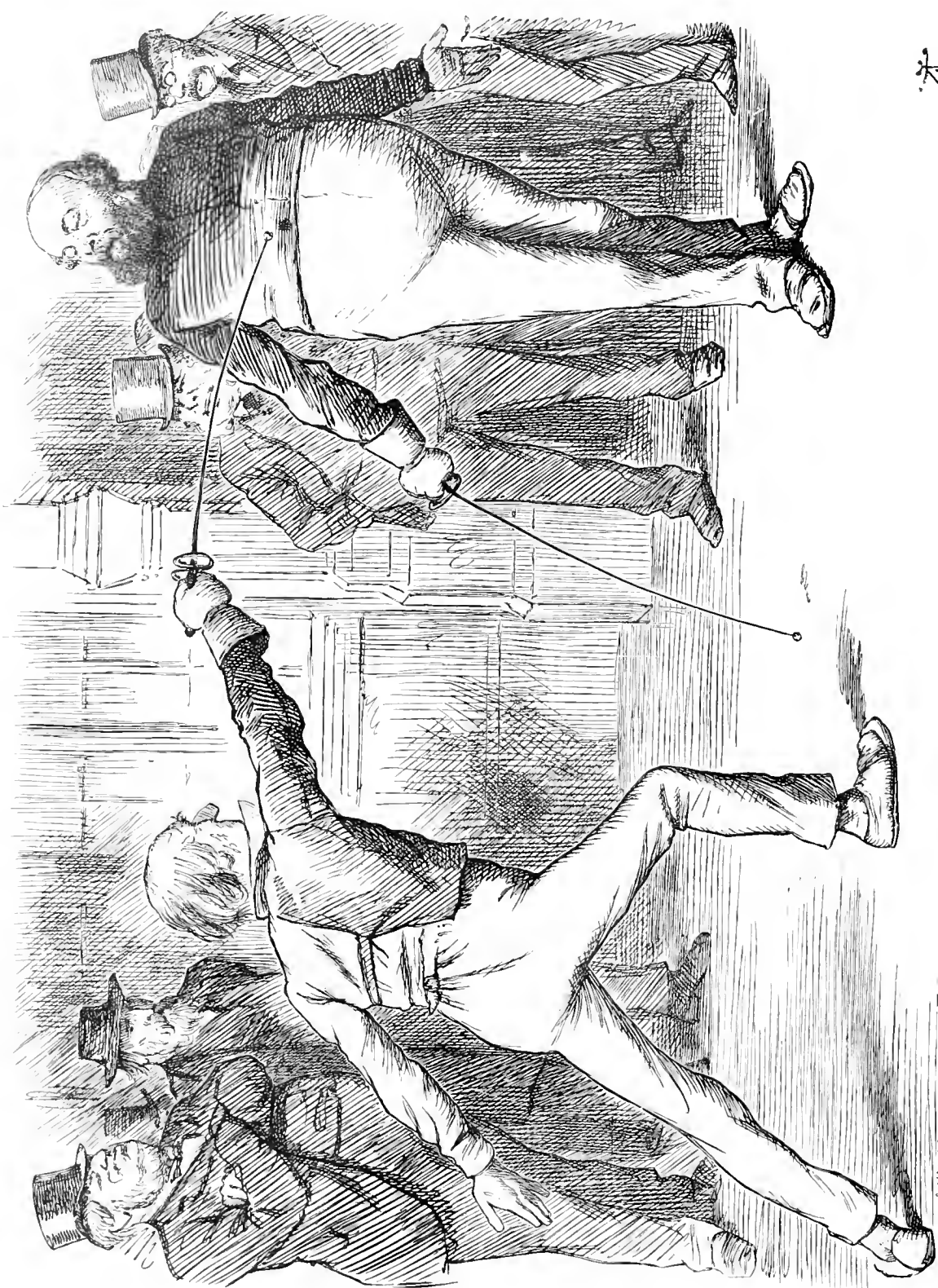
* * The embittered disputes between Capital and Labour had resulted in serious losses to both of the contending parties, and the trade of the country had suffered in consequence. The foreigner, as usual, was reaping the advantage.



THE FINISHING TOUCH; OR, PREPARING FOR MR. SPEAKER'S PARTY.

"THANK GOODNESS, HE'S READY AT LAST!"

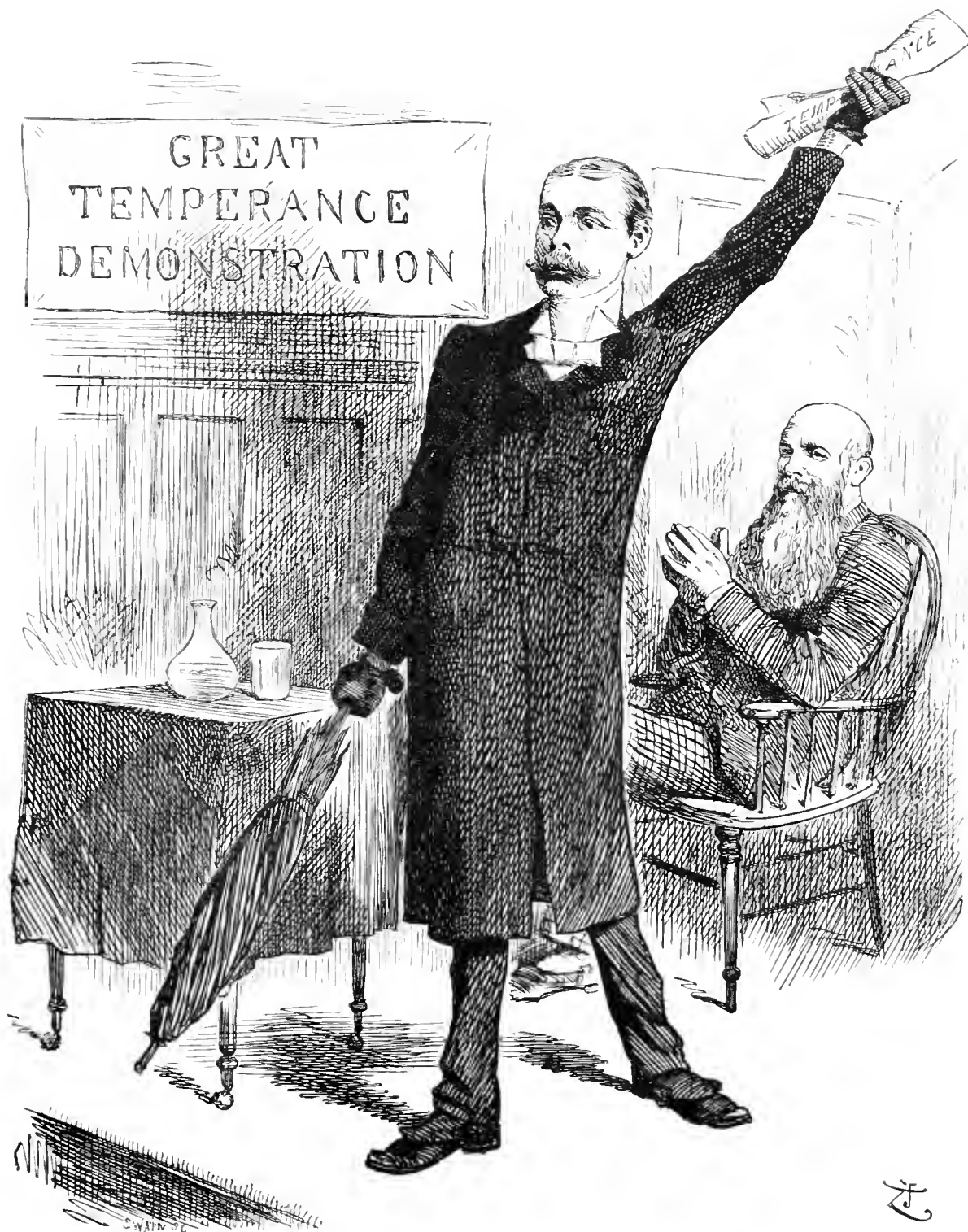
... The Commission, which was appointed in September, 1888, to inquire into the truth of the charges brought by the *Times* against Mr. Parnell, had held its last sitting, and the Report of its proceedings was about to be published.



THE "SALUTE!" OR, TAKING HIS MEASURE.

(OPENING OF SESSION, FEB. 11, 1890.)

* * The "Salute," in fencing, shows in a precise, ceremonious manner, the serene and various figures of the attack and defence. It was surmised that in the coming Session there would be fierce contests between the Premier and Mr. Gladstone.



GRANDOLPH'S LATEST.

"* Lord Randolph Churchill had been speaking in support of Local Option, which he contended would greatly advance the cause of temperance. His advocacy met with the warm approval of Sir Wilfrid Lawson.



THANK GOODNESS!!!

HUNGRY HOME-RULER.—“WAITER! I WANT SOME MORE OF THAT ‘IRISH STEW À LA PARNELL COMMISSION.’”
 HEAD WAITER.—“‘PARNELL COMMISSION,’ SIR? *HOFF, SIR!*”

* * Mr. W. H. Smith's motion, to adopt the Report of the Parnell Commission, was carried after a stormy debate which lasted for seven days.



“GRANDOLPHO FURIOSO!”

MR. PUNCH.—“HULLO, GRANDOLPH! I THOUGHT YOU'D TAKEN TO 'TEMPERANCE'!!”

* * Lord Randolph Churchill had delivered an impassioned speech in the House of Commons denouncing the policy of the Government.



AFTER THE REVIEW.

RIGHT HON. E. S. M. P.—“WELL, COLONEL,—YOU VOLUNTEERS HAVE DISTINGUISHED YOURSELVES,—AS USUAL !”

COLONEL PUNCH.—“AND I SUPPOSE, SIR, WE SHALL HAVE TO PAY FOR IT OUT OF OUR OWN POCKETS,—AS USUAL ! !”

* Complaints were current of the niggardly treatment of the Volunteers by the Government. It was urged that grants of money should be made to enable them to meet the heavy expenses connected with the movement.



THE ONLY REMEDY.

HOME SEC. — "OH, DEAR! OH, DEAR! WHY LEAVE IT TO ME!"
 MR. P. (*sympathetically*). — "WHY, INDEED? BUT I DON'T SEE ANY HELP FOR IT TILL WE GET A COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAL."
 * * * The necessity for a Court of Criminal Appeal was daily becoming more apparent, especially in cases of capital punishment.



“A CUT OFF THE JOINT.”

* * Mr. Goschen's Budget showed a surplus of three-and-a-half millions, enabling him to reduce the tea duty, lower the postage to India and the Colonies, and grant £300,000 for Volunteer equipment.



STANLEY AFRICANUS!

MR. PUNCH (*saluting*).—"MR. STANLEY, I PRESUME!"

* * Mr. H. M. Stanley, who had so successfully led the Emin Pasha Relief Expedition, was warmly welcomed on his return to England.



L'ENFANT TERRIBLE!

CHORUS IN THE STEIN.—"DON'T GO ON LIKE THAT—OR YOU'LL UPSET US ALL!!!"

** The May-Day Labour Demonstrations on the Continent had happily passed without revolutionary disturbances, though the young German's erratic movements were regarded with apprehension by other European Powers—Austria, Italy, Spain, and France.



“BABY BUNG.”

NURSE RITCHIE.—“THERE YOU ARE, MY LITTLE BEAR,—THEY’LL TAKE CARE OF YOU.”

* The Government proposed that County Councils should have the power of purchasing public-house licences. The Temperance party, on the other hand, demanded the abolishment of licences without compensation.



" WILL HE GET THROUGH ? "

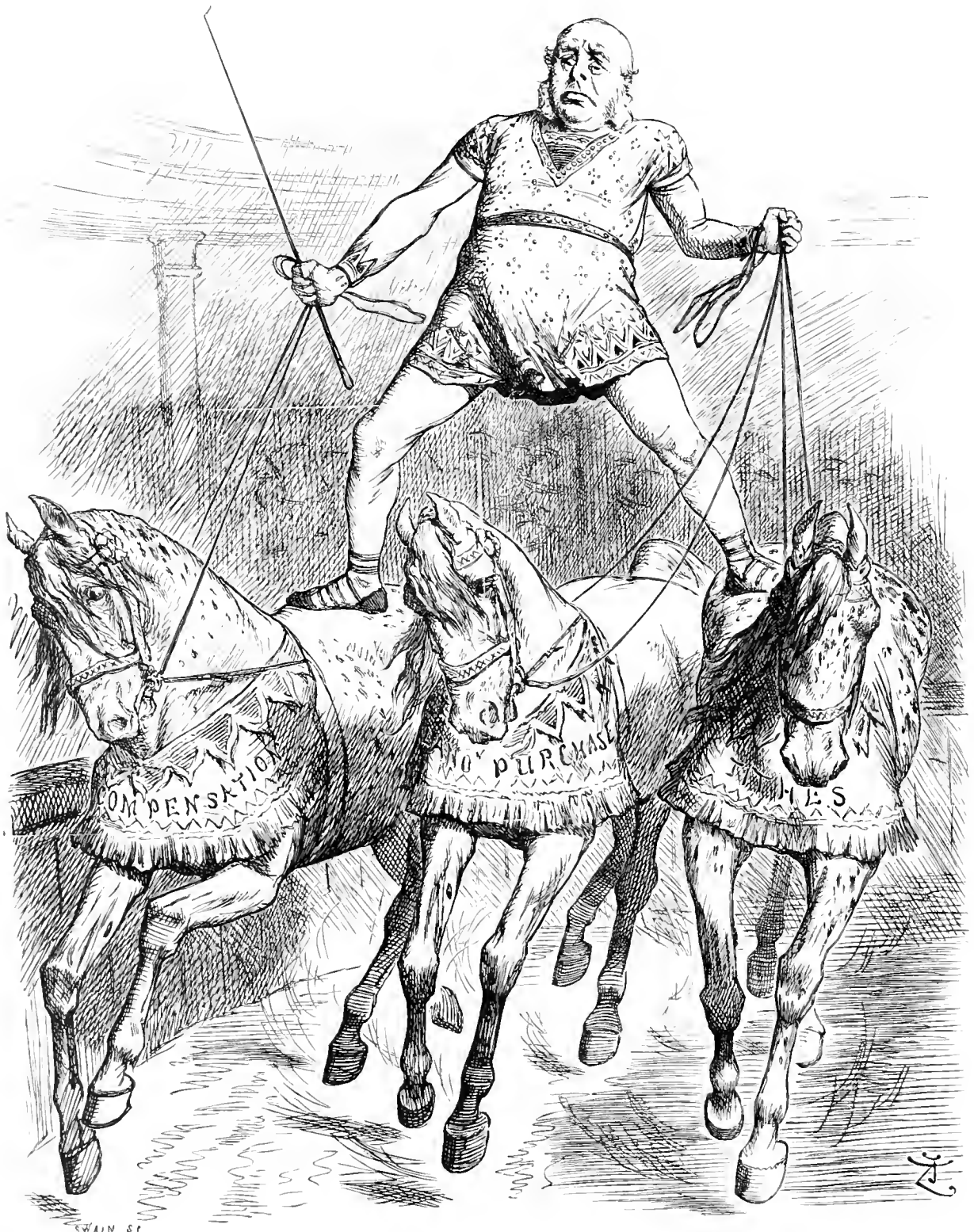
* * Mr. W. H. Smith was making strenuous efforts to pass the Tithes Bill, but his success was doubtful in view of the obstructive tactics of the Opposition.



“THREE FISHERS.”

JOHN BULL.—“HULLO! YOU SEA-GRABBERS!—WHERE DO I COME IN?”

* * * President Harrison had proclaimed the Behring Sea closed to unlicensed seal-fishing, whilst the French practically controlled the lobster fisheries in Newfoundland.



ONE TOO MANY FOR HIM.

SIGNOR W. H. SMITHINI (*sotto voce*). "WISH I COULD HAVE KEPT 'EM ALL THREE ABREAST, JUST FOR THE LOOK OF THE THING!"

* * Mr. W. H. Smith's heroic attempt to run three contentious Bills in the same Session was unsuccessful, as each was hotly opposed, and eventually withdrawn.



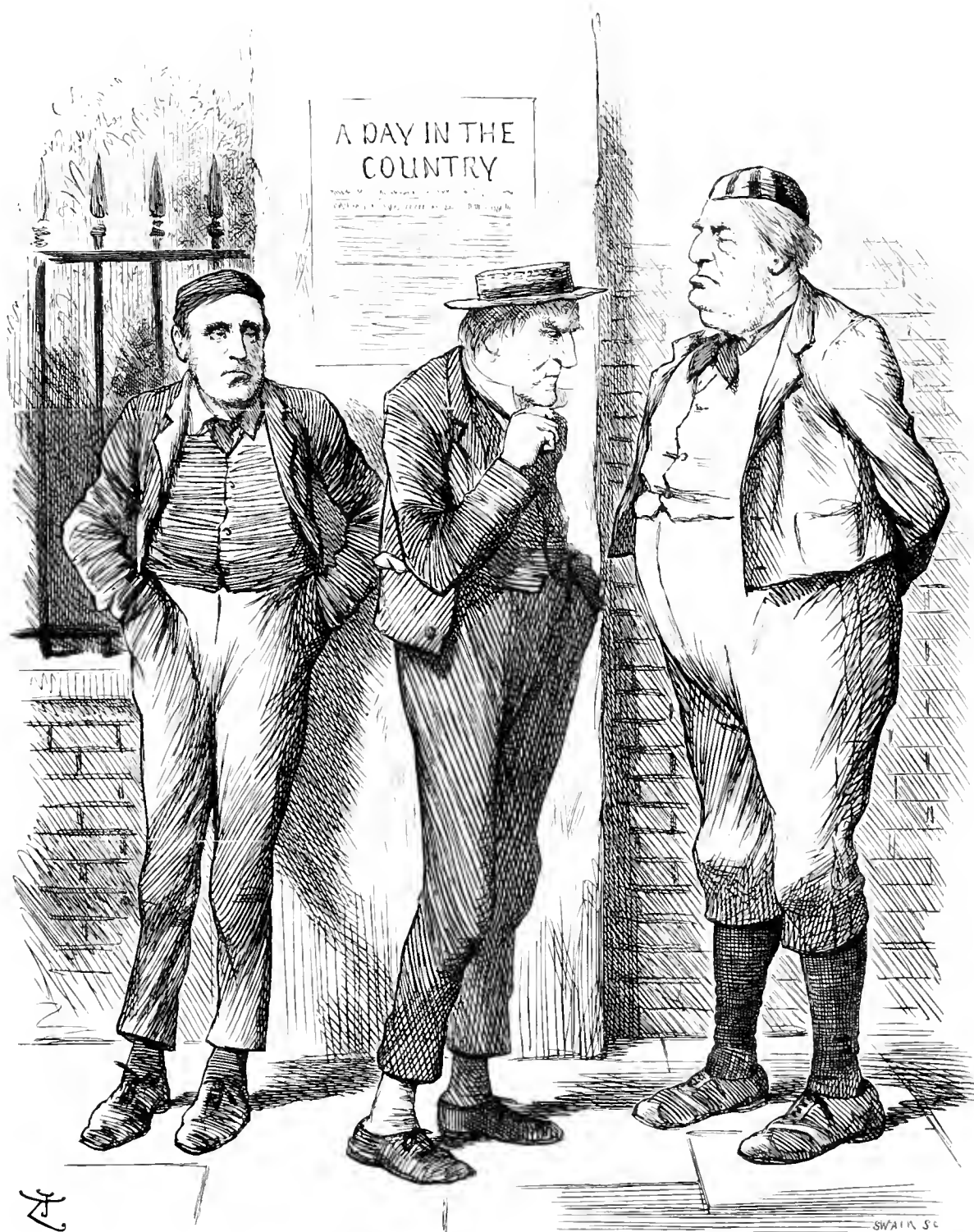
“GIVEN AWAY WITH A POUND OF TEA!!!”

. The island of Heligoland in the North Sea was ceded by Great Britain to Germany, who, in return, recognised the British protectorate of Zanzibar



“IN TROUBLE.”

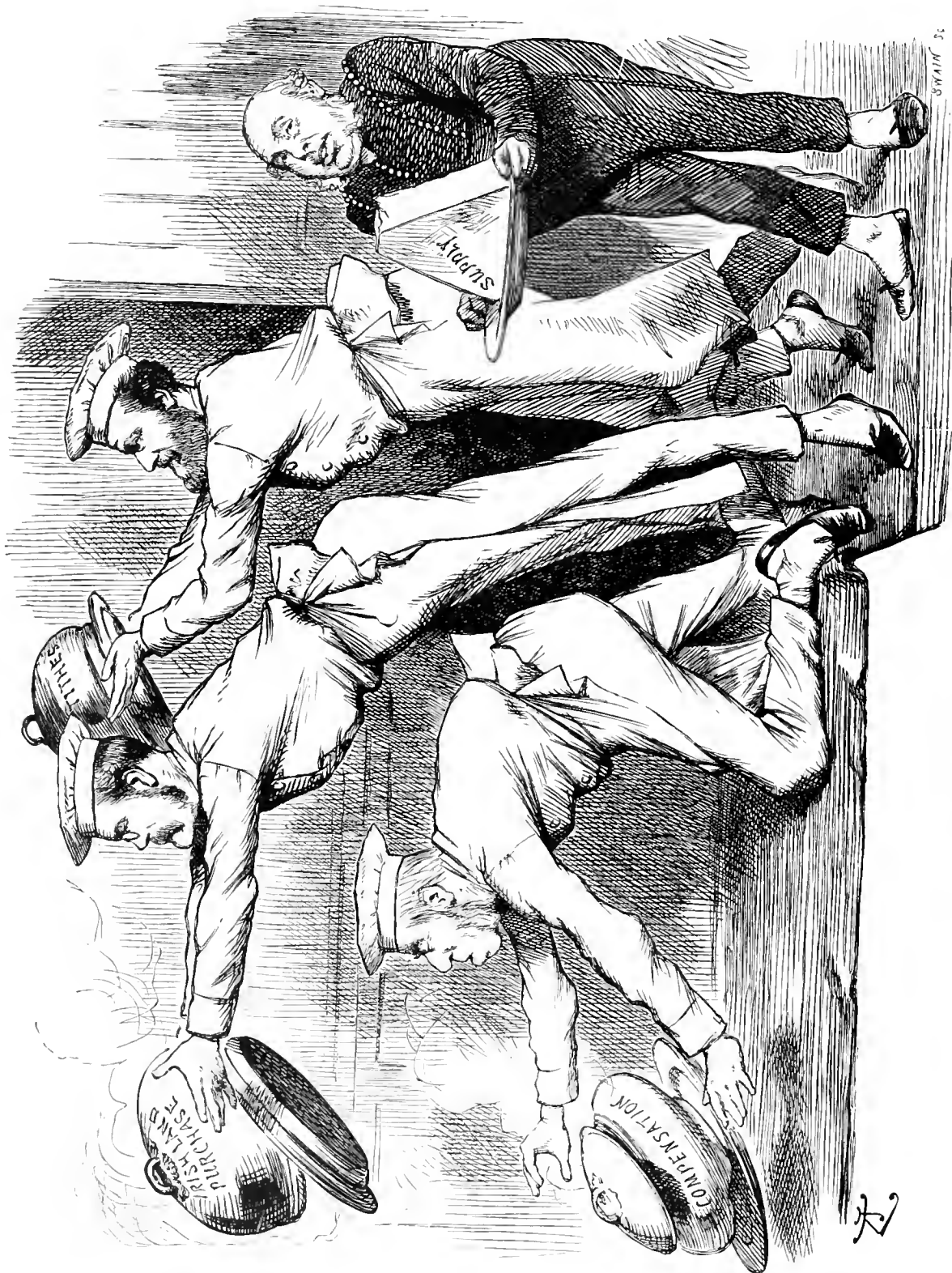
** The licensing, or “compensation” clauses of Mr. Goschen’s Budget met with much opposition, and public business was, in consequence, much delayed.



“HOPE DEFERRED.”

CHORUS OF LONGING LADS.—“WISH WE COULD GO TO THE COUNTRY!”

* * The Conservatives still clung to office, and, for the moment, there appeared little if any chance for the Liberal Party to appeal to the constituencies.



“TOO MANY COOKS—!”

THE PAGE-BY (W. II. SM-TH). — “AT ANY RATE, I’VE SAVED THE OTHERS ! !”

“ The Government had been forced to abandon three of their most important Bills, but had succeeded in obtaining Supply.



“OUR TURN NOW!”

FRANCE AND PORTUGAL (*who know the value of Peace and Quiet*).—“YOU GIVE GERMAN SOMESING,—HE GO VAY! YOU GIVE ITS SOMESING.—VE OO VAY!”

.. An Anglo-French agreement recognising the British protectorate of Zanzibar and the French protectorate of Madagascar, and an Anglo-Portuguese agreement delimiting the territories in East Africa subject to the control of Great Britain and Portugal, had been signed.



FROM THE NILE TO THE NEVA.

SHADE OF PHARAOH.—“FORBEAR! THAT WEAPON ALWAYS WOUNDS THE HAND THAT WIELDS IT”

. The Russian Government had openly declared war against the Jews of the Empire. The cartoon conveys a warning to the Tsar of the disastrous results in ancient Egypt arising out of the persecution of the Israelites.



THE CLOSE OF THE INNINGS.

W. H. S. (*Wicket-keeper*).—"TELL YOU WHAT IT IS, UMPIRE! IF THE BOWLING'S GOING TO BE AS WILD—NEXT INNINGS—AS THIS, I SHALL 'RETIRE HURT'!"

. Parliament was prorogued after a Session which was chiefly notable for its failures. None of the more important measures foreshadowed in the Queen's Speech had been carried.



MIGHT BE BETTER!

JOHN BULL. — "HUMPH! SEEMS TO ME, MR. SALISBURY, YOUR FOREIGN BIRDS ARE THE FINEST THIS SEASON!"

. Home legislation had been admittedly mismanaged by the Government during the past Session, but many possibilities of dispute had been removed by the agreements concluded with Germany, France and Portugal.



ANOTHER VICTIM.

WILLIAM THE IRREFRESSIBLE.—“NOW THEN, COUSIN AUSTRIA, PUT ON A UNIFORM, AND COME AND PLAY AT SOLDIERS!”

. The Emperor of Austria had been invited by the German Emperor to witness the Army manoeuvres in Prussian Silesia.



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THE QUICKSAND!

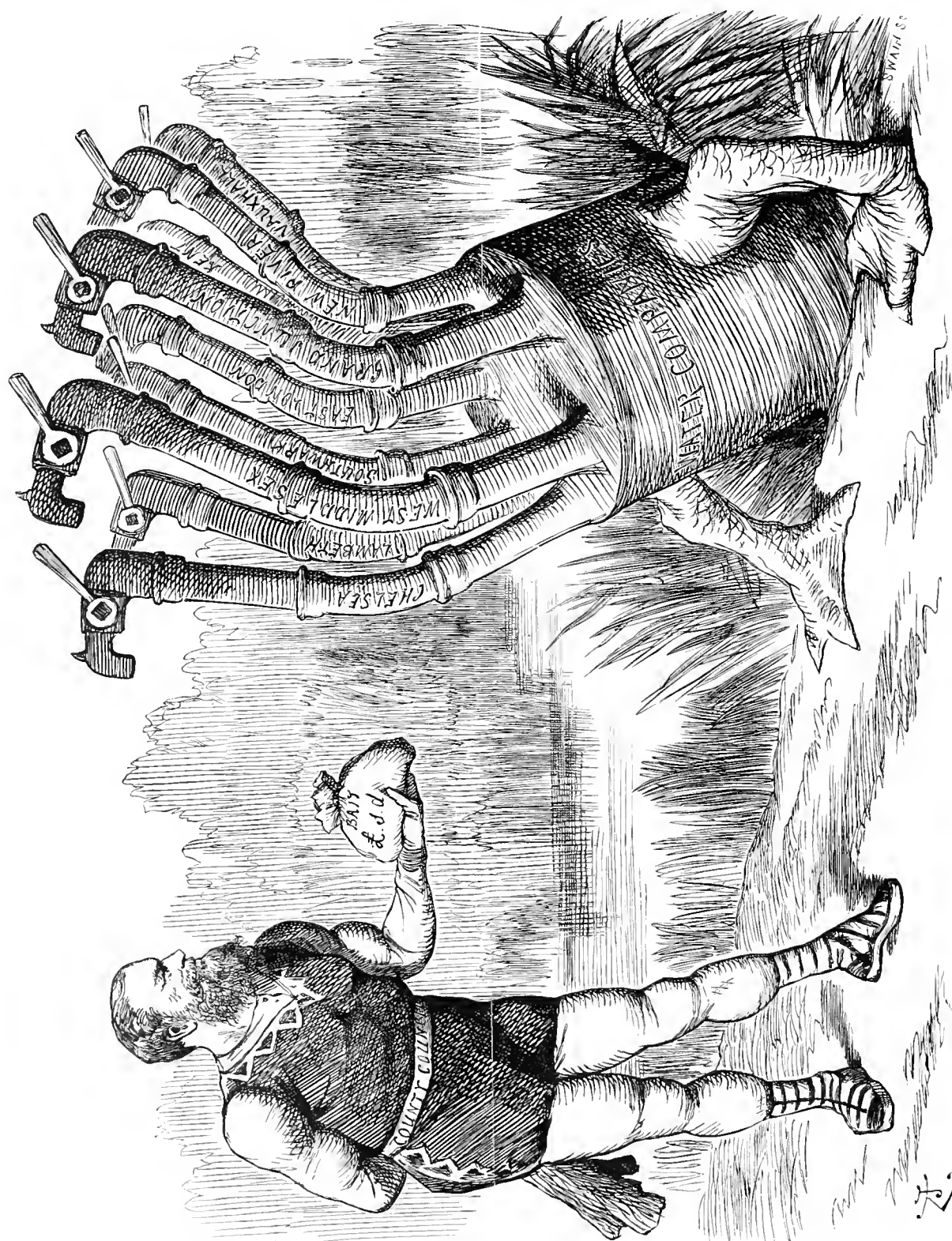
.. The Bonapartist and Orleanist factions, for political ends, had been intriguing with Boulanger, and were sharing the fate of that now discredited General, whose downfall had been hastened by the publication of a series of articles in the *Paris Figaro*.



THE BRITISH LION AND THE GERMAN FOX :

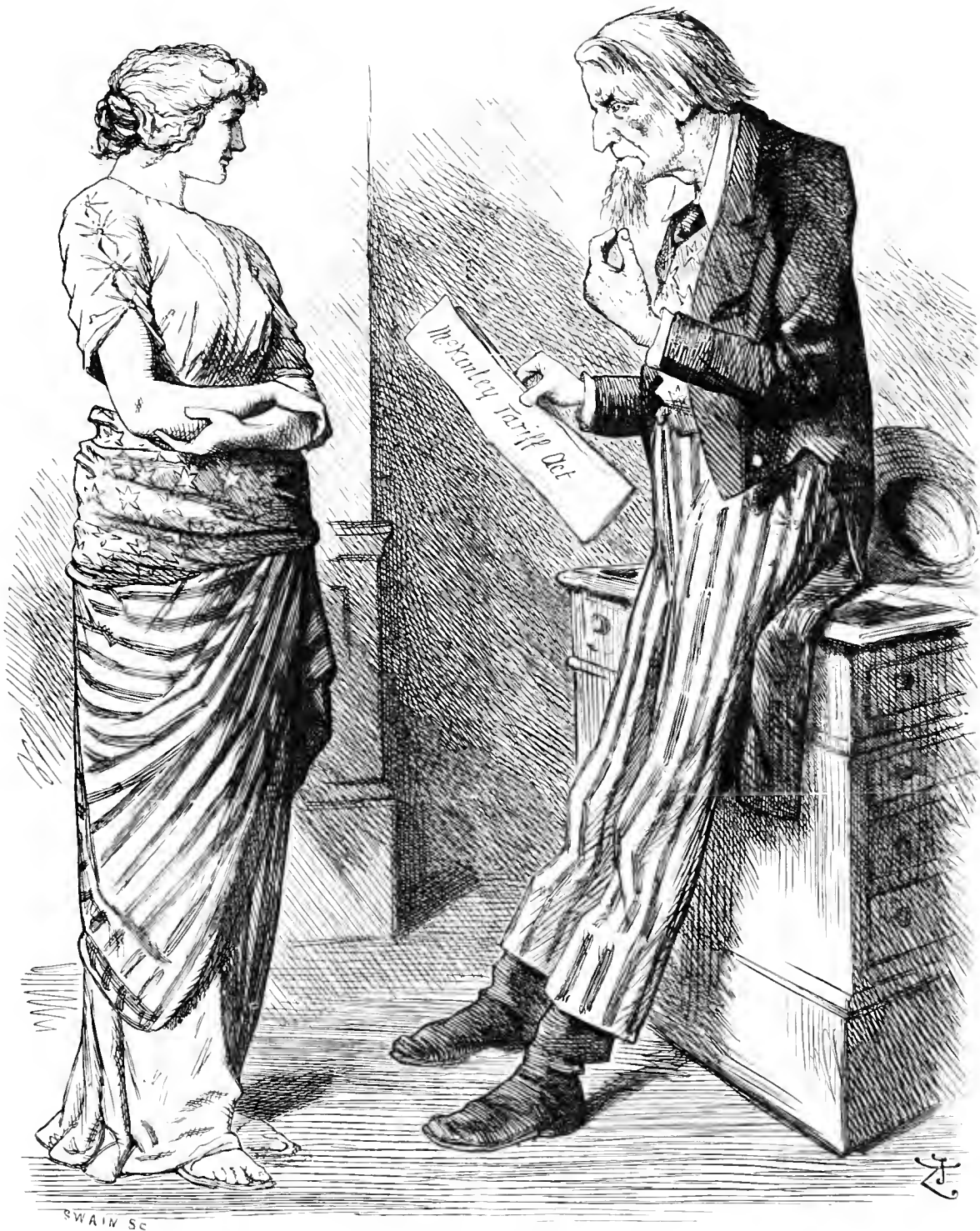
OR, A MISTAKE SOMEWHERE !

“Punch’s surmise that in urging England to join in blockading the East Coast of Africa Germany had ulterior views, was now strengthened. (See cartoon “The German Fox and the British Lion,” Vol. III., p. 424.)



“HERCULES (COUNTY) CONCILIANS.”

** The taking over, by purchase, of the Water Companies had been recommended by the London County Council and by a committee of the Corporation of the City of London.



A FAMILY QUESTION.

MISS COLUMBIA.—“SAY, PAP-PA, WON'T THAT BILL RISE THE BRITISHERS, SOME? ANYHOW, GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO SHELL OUT PRETTY CONSIDERABLE ALL ROUND—AT HOME!!!”

. The McKinley Tariff Act passed by the United States Senate imposed heavy import duties upon manufactured goods. Canada especially viewed the measure with disfavour.



THE M^CGLADSTONE!

"TO LAND MCGGLADSTONE LIGHTLY SPRANG,
AND THRICE ALOUD HIS BUGLE RANG

WITH NOTE PROLONG'D AND VARIED STRAIN,
TILL BOLD BEN-GHOIL REPLIED AGAIN."

"Lord of the Isles," Canto IV.—(Adapted.)

* * Mr. Gladstone inaugurated another political campaign in Midlothian in order to rally his forces.



“SAME OLD GAME!”

OLD LADY OF THREADNEEDLE STREET.—“YOU’VE GOT YOURSELVES INTO A NICE MESS WITH YOUR PRECIOUS ‘SPECULATION!’ WELL—I’LL HELP YOU OUT OF IT,—FOR THIS ONCE!!”

. The prompt action of the Bank of England in coming to the assistance of the banking firm of Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co., who were in difficulties through over-speculation, averted a disastrous financial panic.



THE "LAIDLY WORM" OF LONDON—AND YOUNG COUNTY COUNCIL.

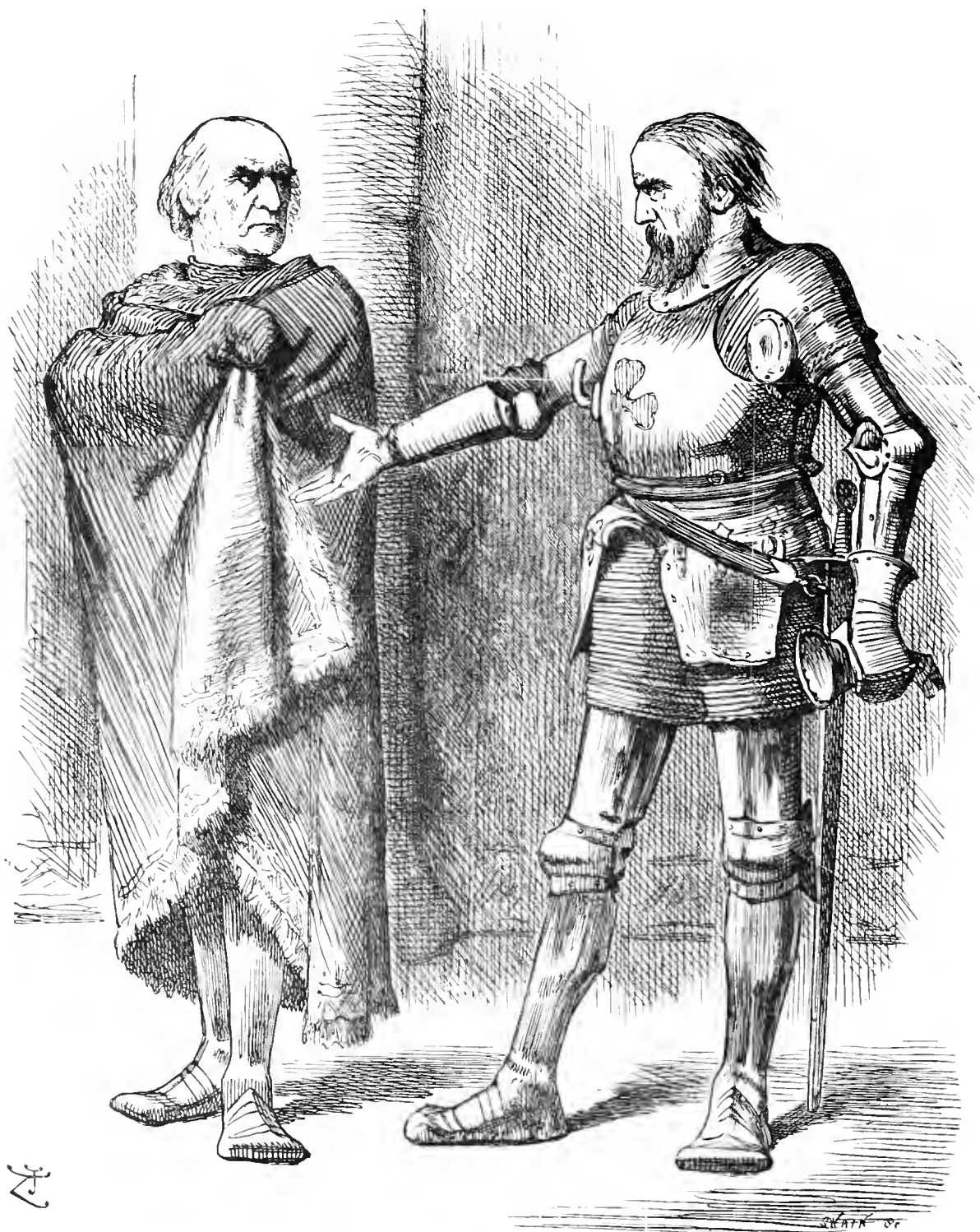
* * The London County Council had recently adopted a scheme for the improvement of an unhealthy part of Bethnal Green at an estimated cost of £300,000.



THE PARLIAMENTARY "ANCIENT MARINER."

"IT IS AN ANCIENT MARINER,
AND HE STOPPETH ONE OF THREE.
'BY THY SCANT GREY LOCKS AND GLITTERING EYE,
NOW WHEREFORE STOPP'ST THOU ME!'"

"* Mr. Gladstone, in breaking off political relations with Mr. Parnell, had somewhat retarded the course of the Home Rule movement, but his resolution to forward it still remained unshaken.



“SEPARATISTS.”

DOUGLAS MR. GLADSTONE. MARMION MR. PARNELL.

DOUGLAS.—“THE HAND OF DOUGLAS IS HIS OWN;
AND NEVER SHALL IN FRIENDLY GRASP
THE HAND OF SUCH AS MARMION CLASP!”—*Marmion, Canto VI.*

“Owing to the scandal arising out of the O’Shea divorce case, Mr. Gladstone refused to recognise Mr. Parnell as the leader of the Irish Home Rule party.”



THE RUSSIAN WOLF AND THE HEBREW LAMB.

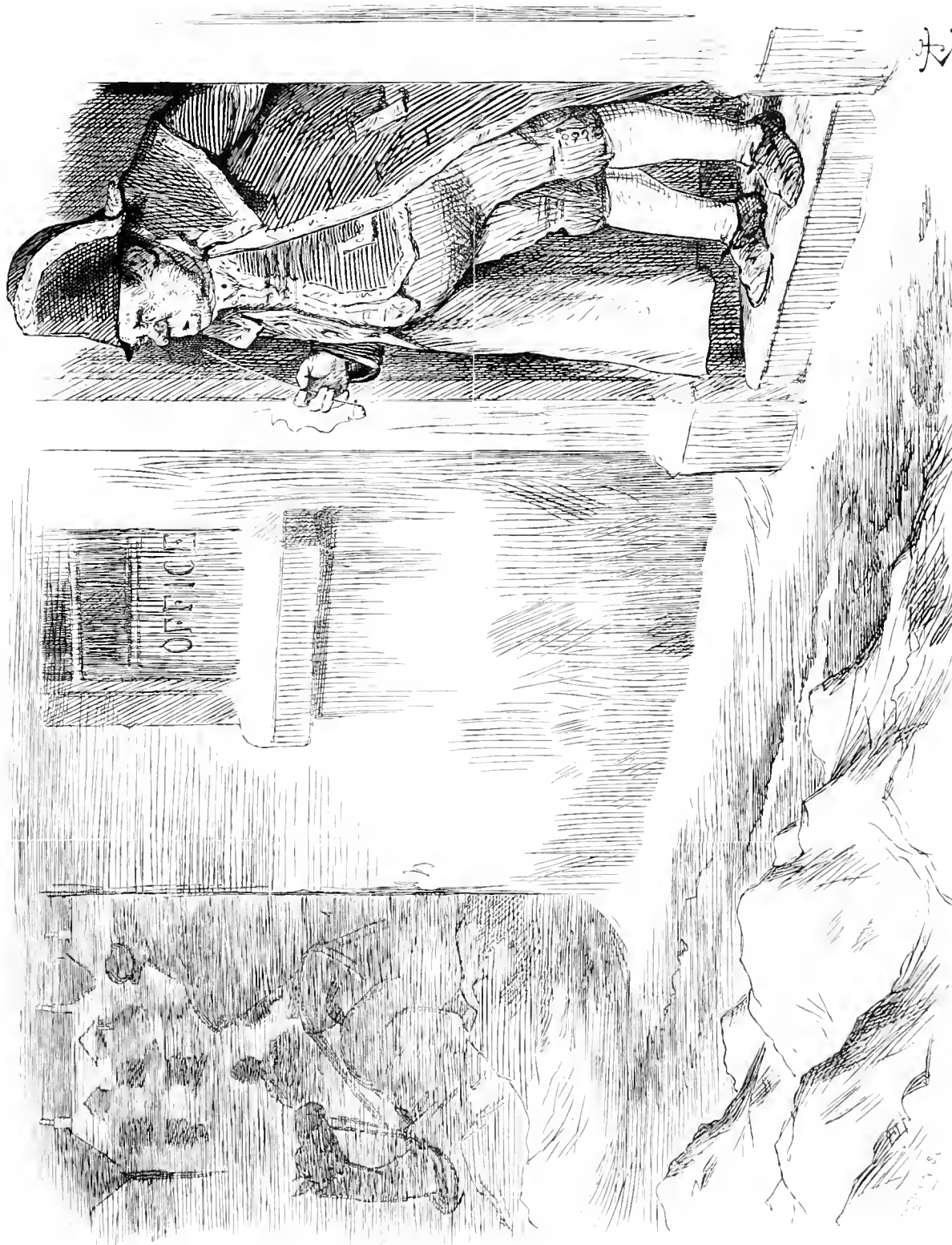
(AFTER A WELL-KNOWN PICTURE.)

. The Muscovite authorities had announced their intention to expel the Jews from Russia.



THE BABES IN THE WOOD.

..* Mr. Gladstone's letter to Mr. Morley, which he virtually broke off relations with Mr. Parnell, caused a division in the Irish Nationalist Party—Mr. Healy assumed in the leadership of one section while the other remained loyal to Mr. Parnell.



BUMBLE AT HOME; OR, "THE WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT."

"CLEAR THE STREETS!—AND IN SUCH BEASTLY WEATHER?—UGH! NOT IF I KNOW IT!"

(December 31, 1890, and January, 1891.)

. A sudden thaw, with the usual result, had taken place after a frost which had lasted for twenty-one days. The London vestries were quite unprepared, and the streets were in a dreadful state from the half-melted snow.



ARBITRATION.

THE SEAL.—“BELAY, YOU TWO JOHNNIES!—AVAST QUARRELLING! GIVE ME A ‘CLOSE-TIME,’ AND LEAVE THE ‘SEA’ AN OPEN QUESTION.”

. The United States Government claimed to make the Behring Sea a *mare clausum*, and it was thought advisable to establish a “close time” for the seals.



“ WORSE THAN EVER ! ”

FARMER SMITH.—“ TIT-T-T ! TWO OF ‘EM ! BAD ENOUGH WHEN THERE WAS ONLY ONE ! ”
 * * All the available obstructive energy of the Irish Nationalist forces appeared to be consumed in the domestic struggle between the Parnellites and anti-Parnellites ; it nevertheless allowed the Government to make more rapid progress with business.



“RETIRE!—WHAT DO YOU THINK?”

“A rumour that Mr. Gladstone was about to retire from political life proved to be without foundation.”



THE "PAPER-CHASE."

RIGHT HON. GEO. J. G-SCHE-N (*the Hare*).—"WONDER WHETHER THEY'LL FOLLOW?"

. Mr. Gosehen's proposal to issue one-pound notes in order to increase the reserve at the Bank of England was much discussed, but not adopted.



CORIOLANUS.

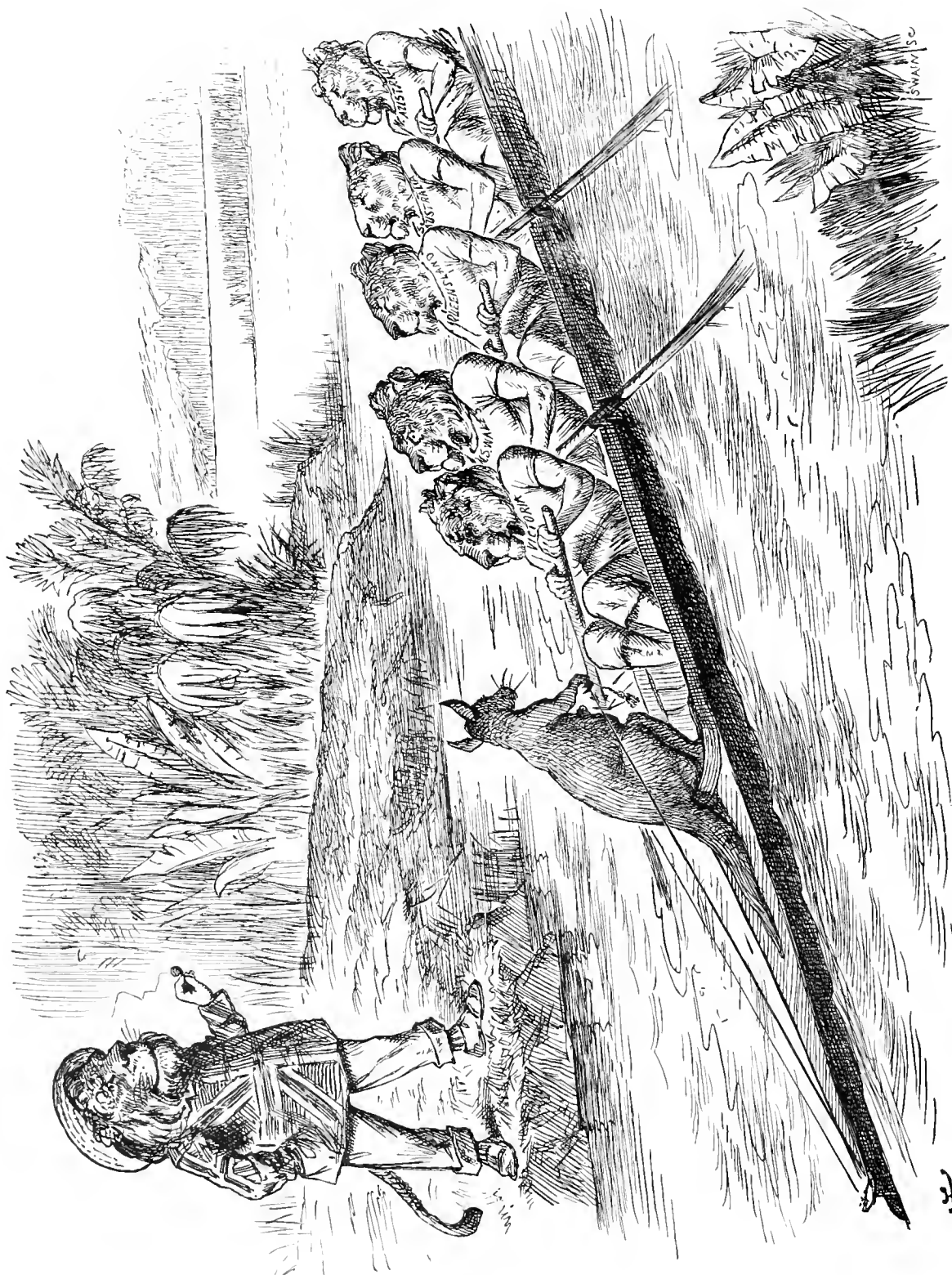
"SUCH A NATURE,
TICKLED WITH GOOD SUCCESS, DISDAINS THE SHADOW
WHICH HE TREADS ON AT NOON."—*Coriolanus*, Act I., Sc. I.

. Prince Bismarck had inspired in the columns of the *Hamburger Nachrichten* incessant attacks upon the Imperial policy, and especially against the proceedings of his successor Caprivi.



“ A SPRAT TO CATCH A WHALE ! ”

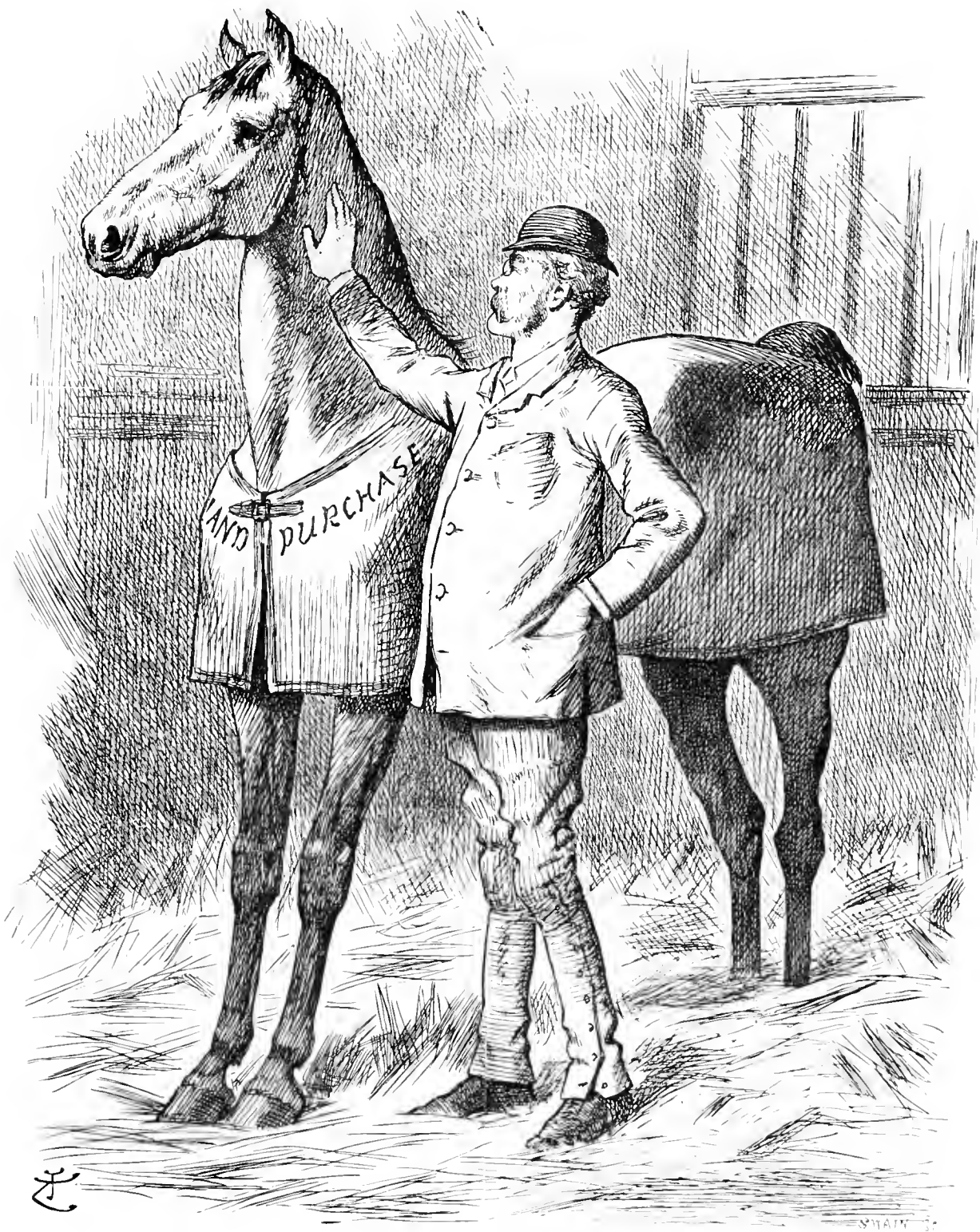
“ The working classes were agitating to obtain an eight-hours day, and there had been much talk of measures to improve their condition. A Royal Commission was appointed to inquire into the existing relations between Capital and Labour.”



“ADVANCE, AUSTRALIA!”

BRITISH LION.—“BRAVO, BOYS!—SWING TOGETHER!!”

*. At a meeting of the National Australasian Federation Convention held at Sydney, comprising delegates from all the Australian Colonies, Federation was decided on, and the title of “The Commonwealth of Australia” adopted.



KEPT IN THE STABLE.

HEAD GROOM.—“AH, MY BEAUTY!—YOU HAVEN'T HAD MUCH CHANCE YET—BUT WE SHALL HAVE SOME OPEN WEATHER AFTER EASTER!”

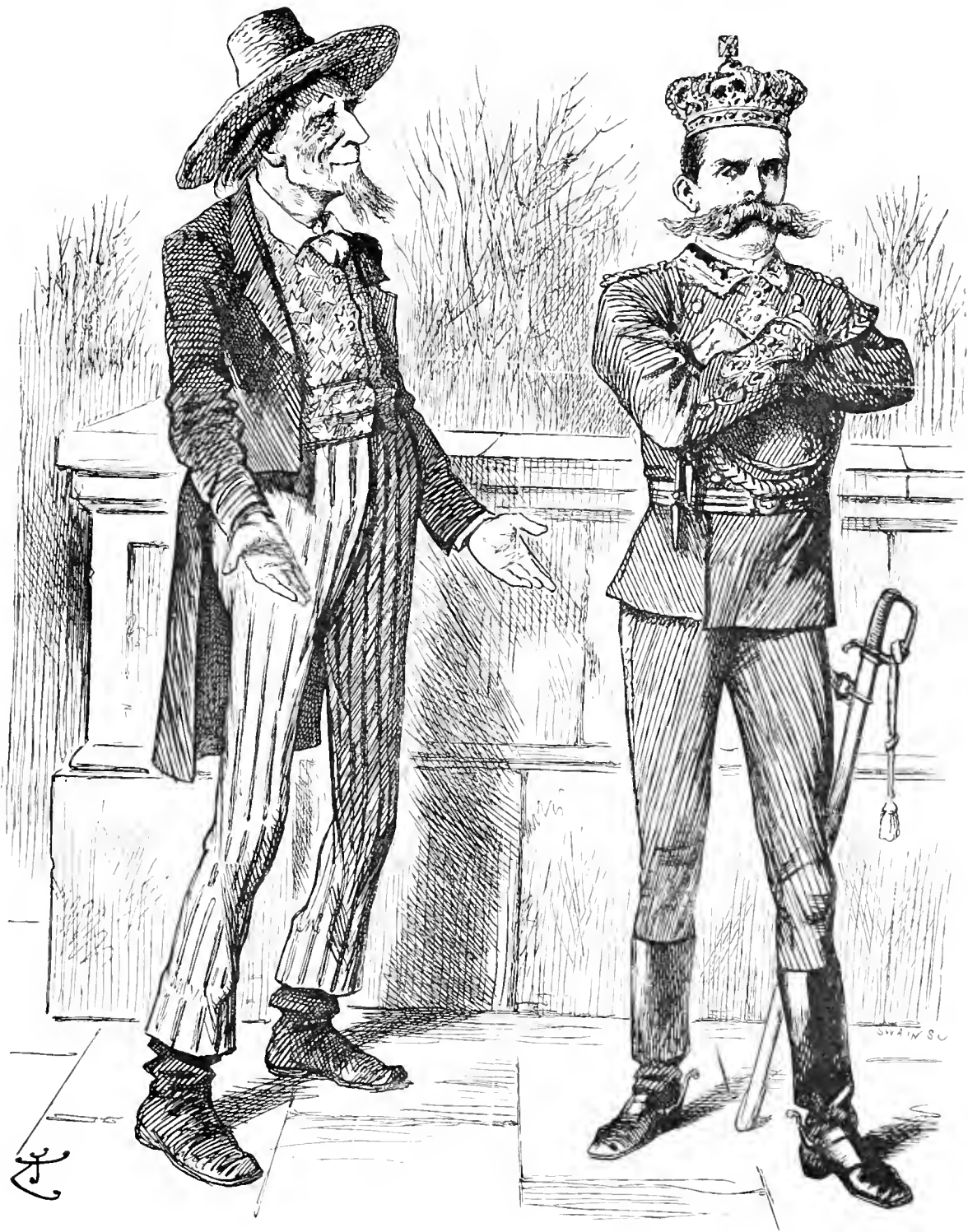
. The Irish Land Purchase Bill, which had previously been put on one side, was reintroduced by Mr. Balfour.



“ THAT CON—FOUNDLAND DOG ! ”

JOHN BULL.—“ IF I COULD ONLY GET HIM TO STAND STILL, I COULD SOON SETTLE THE LOBSTER ! ”

.. Constant disputes had arisen between Great Britain and France on the Newfoundland Fisheries question. A deputation, headed by Sir William Whiteway, the Premier of Newfoundland, appeared before the Bar of the House of Lords to urge the claims of the Colony.



A FAIR EXCHANGE.

UNCLE SAM.—“SEE HERE, UMBERTO!—GIVE US BACK YOUR ‘MINISTER,’ AND TAKE AWAY THAT DARN’D ‘MAFIA,’ AND WE’LL CALL IT A SQUARE DEAL!”

. The Chief of the Police at New Orleans had been assassinated by agents of the *Mafia*, a secret Italian society, and eleven Italians, accused of the murder, were lynched. The Italian Government had, in consequence, recalled their Ambassador.



NOT CAUGHT YET !

MASTER LONDON-COUNTY-COUNCIL.—“ IF I CAN ONLY GET NEAR ENOUGH !!! ”

* * Much dissatisfaction was expressed by ratepayers at the heavy expenditure incurred by the London County Council, and a reduction in the rate to be levied had been announced. It was not, however, accepted as a guarantee against future extravagance.



HYMEN. FIN DE SIÈCLE.

"MAIDENS MOCKED, WITH LAUGHTER DYING,
THOSE FOOL-KNOTS OF HYMEN'S TYING."

"* Great laxity of morals prevailed at this time amongst the working classes. Women especially regarded the marriage tie with disfavour, believing it interfered with their freedom.



THE ADOPTED CHILD.

MOTHER GOSCHEN.—“FOUND 'IM IN BIRMINGHAM, MY DEAR! DIDN'T LIKE 'IM AT FIRST,—BUT, SOMEHOW, I'VE QUITE TOOK A FANCY TO 'IM !!”

MRS. GAMP.—“A FONDLING INDEED!—WHICH ALL I CAN SAY IS I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF 'IM !!”

. Mr. Goschen's proposal of an annual grant of £2,000,000 in aid of Free Education was viewed with distrust by many, even of his own followers.



A BLEND.

THE WINE MERCHANT (GOSCHEN). "I'M AFRAID SOME OF OUR OLD CUSTOMERS WON'T LIKE IT AT FIRST, BUT, WITH A LITTLE PERSUASION, I THINK I CAN GET 'EM TO TAKE TO IT KINDLY."

. Mr. Goschen was now in favour of Free Education, which Mr. Chamberlain had strongly supported in the unauthorised programme issued by him at the General Election in 1885.

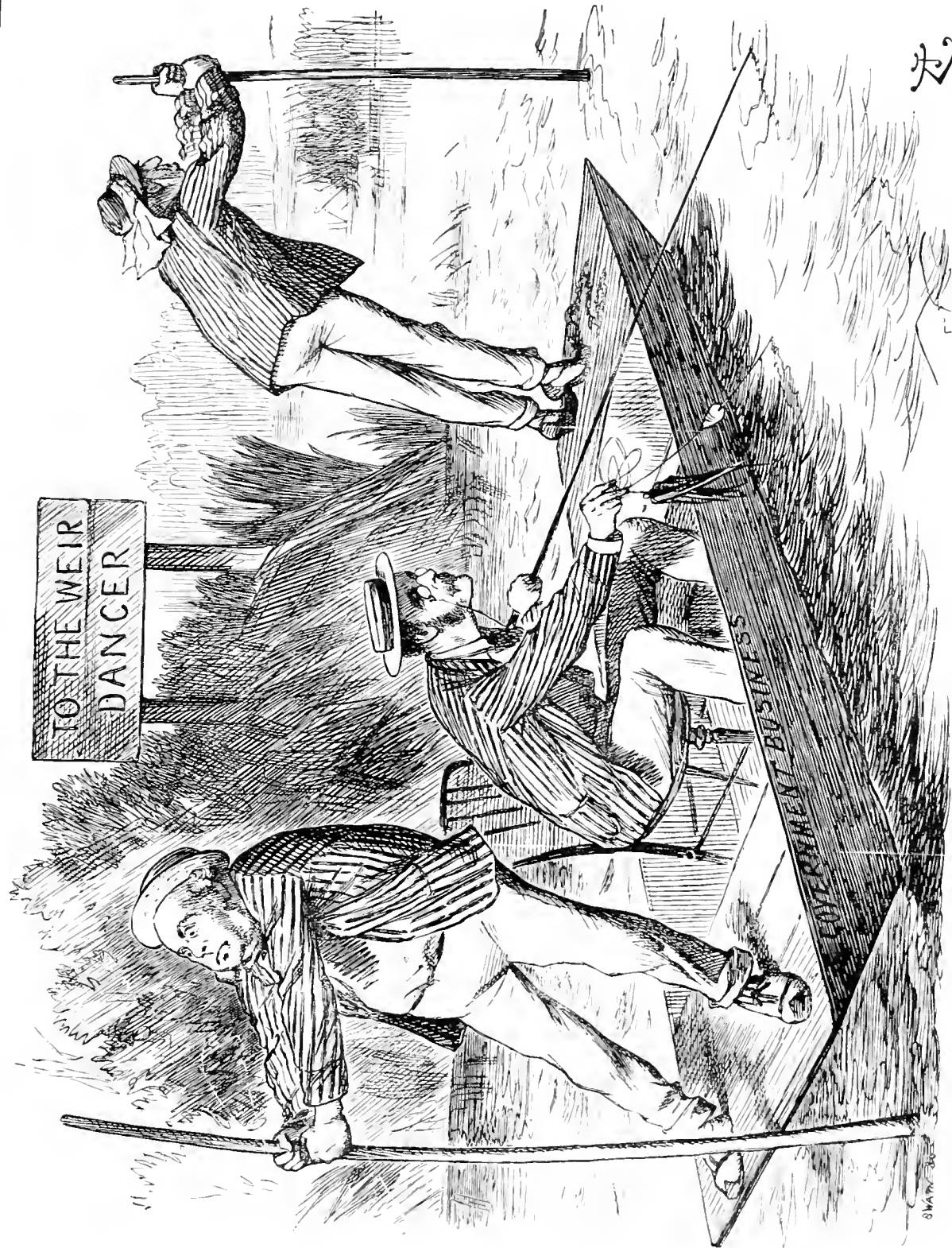


IN A MAZE.

MASTER LAND BILL.—“OH, MR. BALFOUR, I'M SO TIRED!”

MR. B.—“CHEER UP, LITTLE MAN! NEXT TURN TO THE RIGHT,—AND I HOPE WE SHALL BE OUT OF IT!!”

. The Irish Land Purchase Bill, as introduced, consisted of nineteen clauses, and there were an enormous number of amendments, which occasioned protracted debates.



ALL ADRIFT!

W. H. SMITH.—“HOLD ON, GOSCHEN! I’M HERE!!!”
 ... The uncertainty as to the course of business justified to a certain extent the criticisms of the Opposition upon the proceedings of the Government.



THE FRUIT OF THE SESSION.

W. H. SMITH (*Head Gardener and Prize Exhibitor*),—"HAD TO NIP OFF A LOT OF BLOOMS TO GET HIM UP TO THIS SIZE!!!"

"At the Bi-monthly Exhibition of the Royal Horticultural Society . . . Mr. W. H. SMITH showed specimens of the same luscious fruit"—strawberries—"for which he received the thanks of the Society."—*Daily Telegraph*.

. The Irish Land Purchase Bill was the principal measure passed by the Government during the Session.



A PARLIAMENTARY ASIDE.

FRIENDLY VISITOR (*effusively*).—"IT IS INDEED A BE-UTIFUL CHE-ILD!" (*Aside.*) FLABBY, DABBY, BABBY!!"

"* Mr. Gladstone was not entirely satisfied with the provisions of the Free Education Bill, but took no active part against it. Some, indeed, of the Government's followers were lukewarm in support of the measure.



THE RED QUEEN AND THE WHITE; OR, ALICE IN THUNDERLAND.

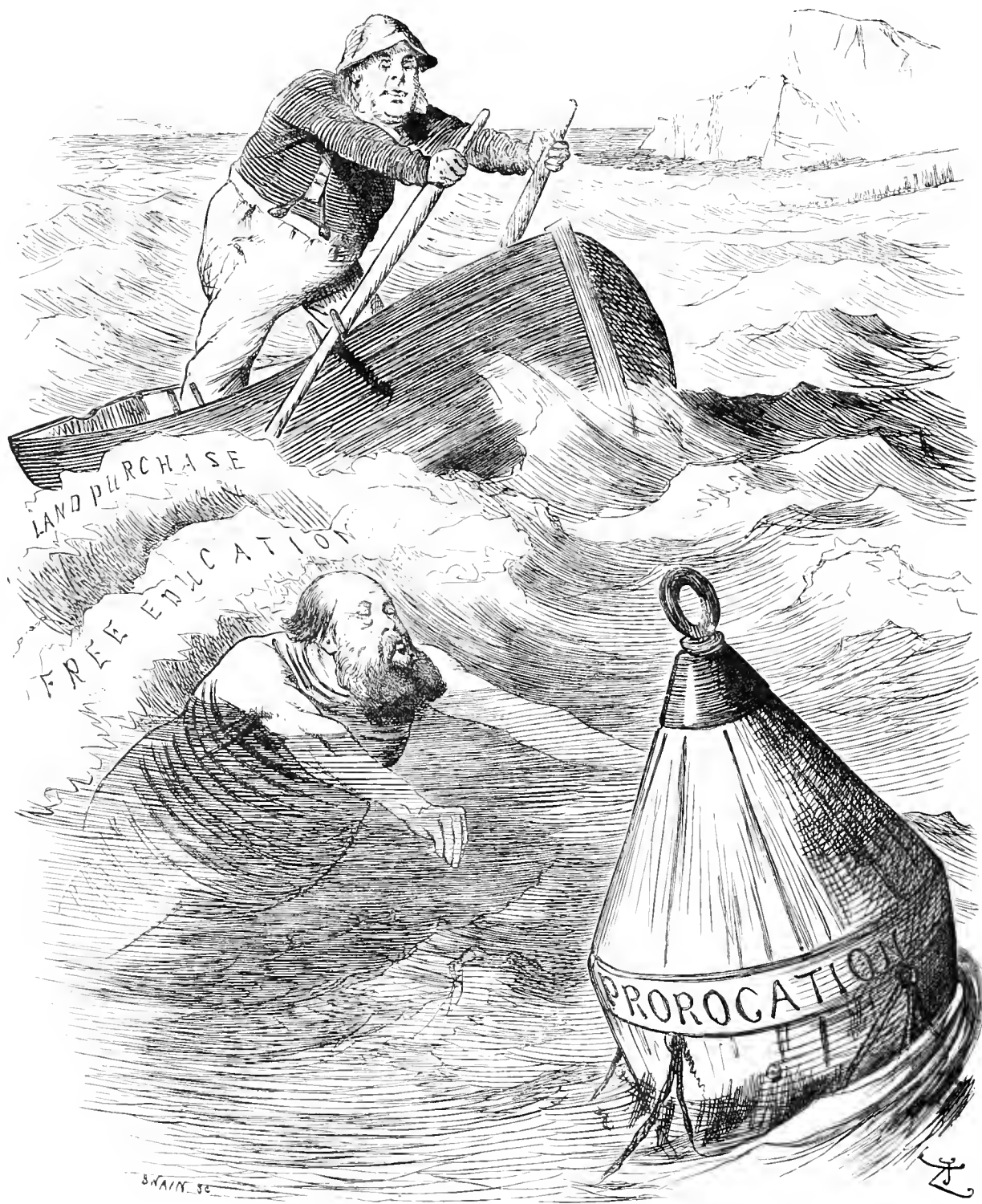
..* The Cartoon alludes to the abortive "Round Table Conference" held in 1888 at Sir William Harcourt's house, with the object of reconciling the divergent opinions of the leaders of the Liberal Party on the Irish question.



JEAMES'S SUMMARY.

JEAMES.—“DULL SESSION!—DULL SEASON!—THINGS BAD IN THE CITY!—HINFLUENZA ALL HOVER THE SHOP; AND, NOW THE HEMP'ROE'S GONE, THE SOONER WE'RE HORE THE BETTER!!”

“.” The German Emperor and Empress had been paying a lengthened visit to the Queen. They were warmly welcomed in London, and entertained at a banquet in Guildhall.



“A LONG DISTANCE SWIM.”

W. H. SM-TH.—“HOORAY!—ANOTHER STROKE OR TWO, AND WE’VE DONE IT!!”

* * Lord Salisbury, in a speech at the Mansion House, said that the Session just concluded had been “full of anxiety, full of fatigue.” Two important measures, the Irish Land Purchase and Free Education Bills, were however passed.



“ WON'T WORK ! ”

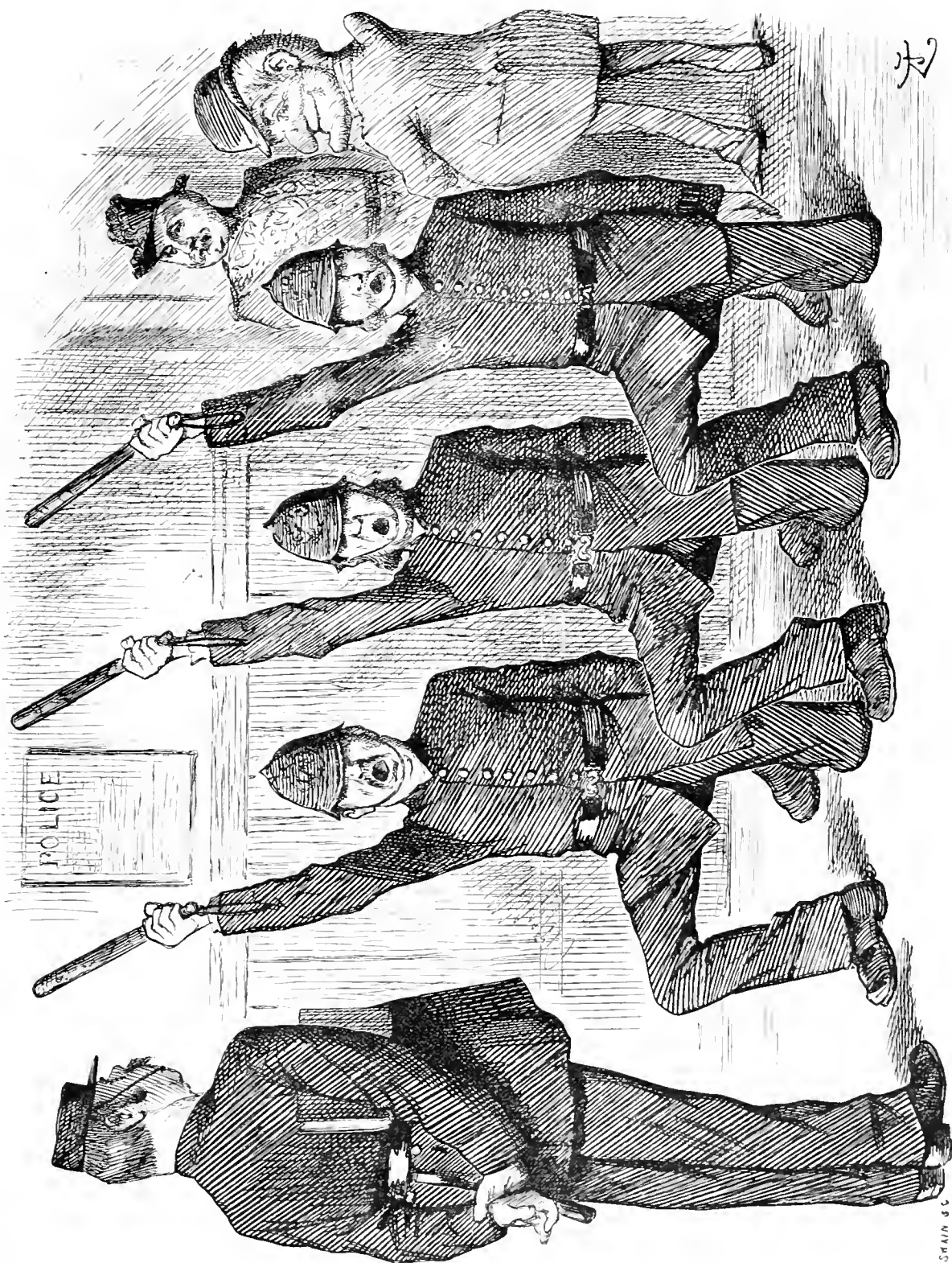
“.” Upon their release from prison, Mr. William O'Brien and Mr. Dillon declared against Mr. Parnell's leadership of the Irish Party, and joined the Anti-Parnellite section.



NEPTUNE'S "AT HOME;" OR, NEIGHBOURS UNITED.

JOHN BULL (*left*).—"ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MY MESSENGER, MR. NEPTUNE."
NEPTUNE.—"ALWAYS GLAD TO WELCOME ANY FRIEND OF YOURS, JOHN!"

* * A French naval squadron which had arrived in Osborne Bay on a friendly visit were warmly welcomed, and the officers were received at Osborne by Queen Victoria. The French and British fleets were afterwards inspected by her Majesty.



“NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.”

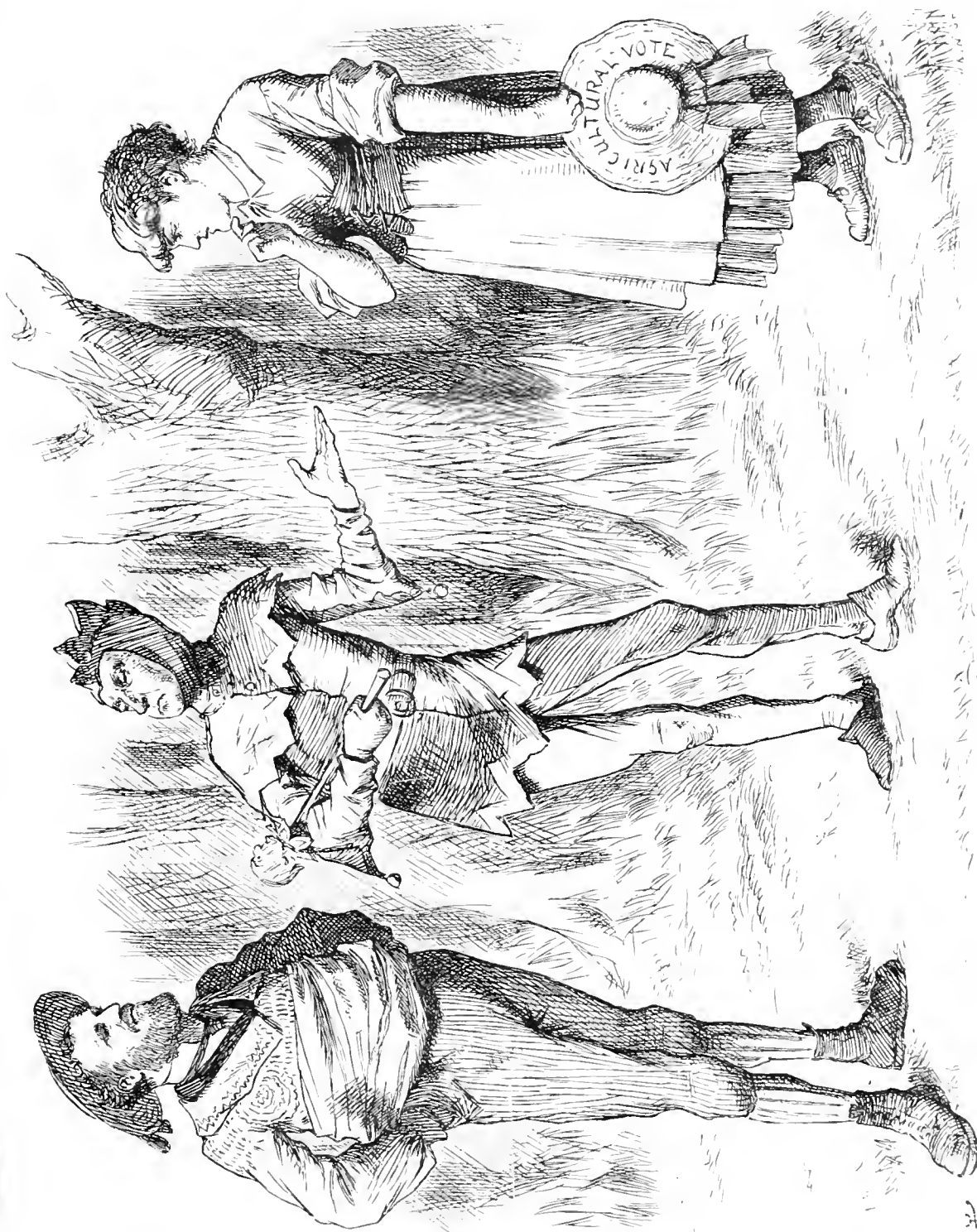
INSPECTOR.—“NOW SWEAR! ALL TOGETHER!”
 MR. PUNCEL (aside).—“DEAR ME, SIR EDWARD; WHEN THEY DO AGREE, THEIR UNANIMITY IS WONDERFUL!”—“*The Critic*,” *freely adapted*.
 CONSTABLES.—“WE SWEAR!”
 ** Attention had of late been directed to the suspicious agreement in the evidence given by constables at police courts. “Mr. Puncel” supplies a humorous explanation.



“TURNING THE TABLES.”

[“THE SUCCESS OF A RUSSIAN LOAN IS NOT DEARLY PURCHASED BY A LITTLE EFFUSION, WHICH, AFTER ALL, COMMITS RUSSIA TO NOTHING. FRENCH SENTIMENT IS ALWAYS WORTH CULTIVATING IN THAT WAY, BECAUSE, UNLIKE THE BRITISH VARIETY, IT HAS A DISTINCT INFLUENCE UPON INVESTMENTS.”—*Daily Paper*.]

*. * The suggestion of “Turning the Tables” was that, on this occasion, the Man (France) was dancing to the tune of the Bear acting as leader.



WILLIAM . . . SIR M CH-L H-CKS-B-CH.

TOUCHSTONE . . . J H-N M-RL-Y.

AUDREY . . . THE AGRICULTURAL VOTE.

.. AS HE'D LIKE IT..

SCENE—THE FOREST OF HA(W)ARDEN.

TOUCHSTONE.—“I AM HE THAT MUST MARRY THIS WOMAN ! THEREFORE, YOU CLOWN, ABANDON THE SOCIETY OF THIS FEMALE ; . . . I WILL BANDY WITH THESE IN FACTION ; I WILL O'BERTN THEM WITH POLICY ; THEREFORE, TREMBLE, AND DEPART !” —*As You Like It, Act I, Scene I.*

.. Mr. John Morley, in a speech at Cambridge, claimed that the labourer was indebted to the Liberal party for the franchise. Both parties were now, however, bidding for the agricultural vote.

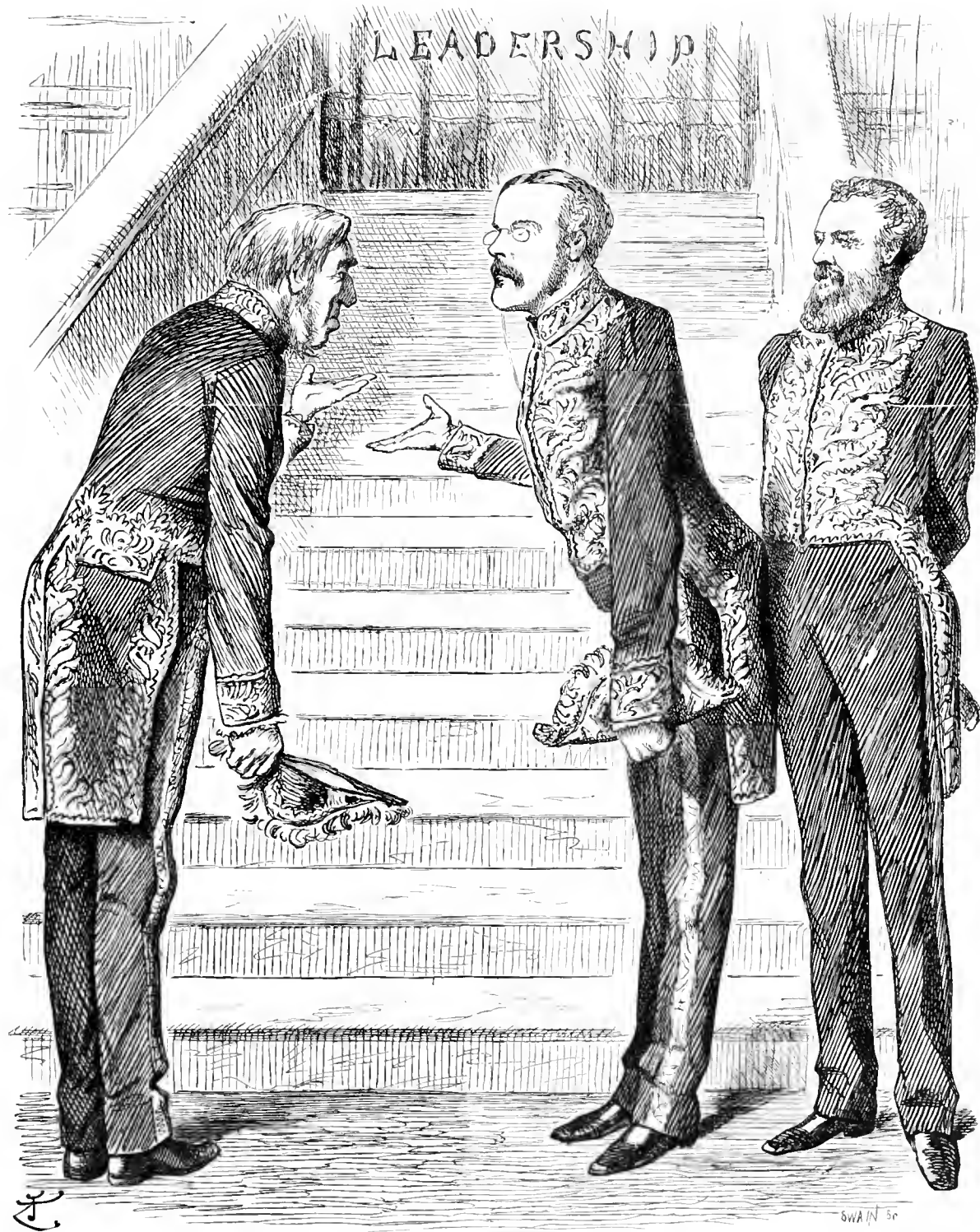


FAMILY TIES.

JOHN BULL.—“AIN'T YOU GOING TO LEND A HAND?”

RUSSIA.—“WELL I DON'T KNOW;—YOU SEE HE'S A SORT OF RELATION OF MINE!!!”

* * * Great Britain, France, Germany and the United States had united to protect their subjects in China against outrage. Russia held aloof on the plea that she would thereby jeopardise the security of her Asiatic shores.



“AFTER YOU!”

“HE BELIEVED THAT EVERYONE OF THEM WOULD PREFER THAT SOMEONE ELSE SHOULD HOLD THAT HIGH AND HONOURABLE OFFICE.”—SIR MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH *at Stockton-on-Tees.*

. On the death of Mr. W. H. Smith, Mr. Goschen and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach consented to waive their claims to the leadership of the House of Commons in favour of Mr. Balfour.



TRYING IT ON!

RUSSIA.—“SS—S—T ! (Whispers.) I WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU, MY DEAR !”

* * It was feared that a *rapprochement* between Russia and Italy would be likely to weaken the strength of the Triple Alliance.



A JUBILEE GREETING!

MR. PUNCH (*for self and everybody*).—"HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS, SIR!—KNOWN YOU FIFTY YEARS, AND LIKE YOU BETTER THAN EVER!"

. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was born on the 9th of November, 1841, and "Mr. Punch," who celebrated his own Jubilee in 1891, gives his hearty congratulations in this Cartoon.



“ WILL YOU. WO’NT YOU ? ”

(A LAY OF THE LORD CHANCELLOR. VERY LATEST VERSION, *NOT* FROM “ IOLANTHE.”)

LORD HALSBURY (*to* BILL SIKES). — “ IF YOU *DON’T* SAY ANYTHING, IT WILL GO AGAINST YOU ; AND IF YOU *DO*, IT WILL BE ALL UP WITH YOU ! ”

. The Lord Chancellor had declared himself in favour of putting the accused in the witness box to give his evidence, subject to the ordeal of cross-examination.



THE "EGYPTIAN PET."

PROFESSOR OF THE NOBLE ART OF SELF-DEFENCE.—"NOT UP TO IT YET, YOUNG 'UN."

"We desire that Egypt should be strong enough of herself to repel all external attack, and to put down all internal disturbance."—LORD SALISBURY'S *Speech at the Guildhall*.

. Neither of the political parties apparently was eager to carry out the oft-repeated promise to withdraw at the earliest possible moment from the occupation of Egypt.



THE LITTLE GERMANIA MAGNATE :

OR, TRYING TO SWAY THE SCEPTRE.

. The German Emperor continued to hold his own despite the desperate efforts of Socialism and the intrigues of the Bismarckian Press.



ARMING THE AMAZONS.

PRIAM (*loquitur*).—"ACCEPT NEW ARMS, YE MAIDEN COHORTS! TAKE
THE WEAPON THAT SHALL MAKE ACHILLES SHAKE,
AND REINFORCE, AGAINST THE WILES OF GREECE,
THE POWERS OF PROPERTY, PRIVILEGE, AND PEACE!"

. At a meeting at Birmingham of the National Union of Conservative and Constitutional Associations the claims of women to be admitted to the franchise, when entitled by ownership or occupation, were strongly urged.



RUSTICUS EXPECTANS. (NEW POLITICAL VERSION OF AN OLD FABLE.)

* * The position of the agricultural labourer had not as yet improved, notwithstanding the tempting promises made by each of the contending parties in view of the coming General Election.



KATHLEEN AND PETRUCHIO.

KATHLEEN. "I'LL HAVE NO SMALLER; THIS DOOTH FIT THE TIME,
AND GENTLEMEN WEAR SUCH HATS AS THESE."

PETRUCHIO.—"WHEN YOU ARE GENTLE, YOU SHALL HAVE ONE TOO,
BUT—OF ANOTHER FASHION."—*Shakespeare badgered.*

"* Petruchio (Mr. Balfour) rejects the smart hat brought by the haberdasher (Mr. Gladstone), and insists upon Kathleen (Hibernia) adopting the one which is about to be produced by (triumph) (Mr. Jackson, the Irish Secretary).



THE NEW MONITOR.

DR. TIMES.—"YOU'RE A CLEVER BOY, JOE, AND WE CONGRATULATE YOU; BUT NOW YOU'RE IN A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY.—AH!—YOU MUST—AH!—BEHAVE YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY!"

"The elevation of Lord Hartington to the Upper House on the death of his father, the Duke of Devonshire, placed Mr. Chamberlain at the head of the Liberal-Unionist party."



"THERE'S THE RUB!"

BILL-POSTER (quoting). "IF THAT PIG DON'T MEAN DEVILRY, I'M A —SEPARATIST!"

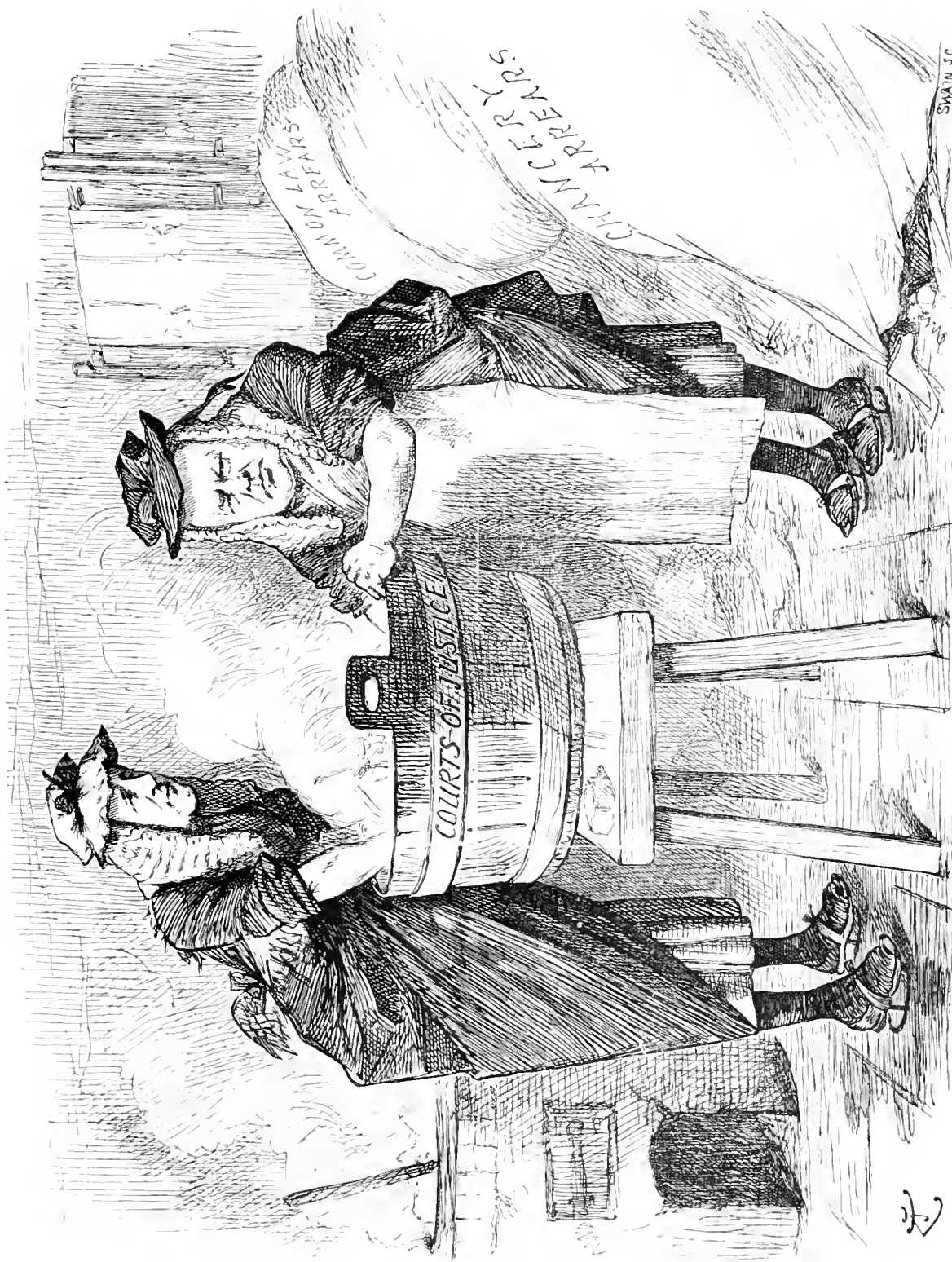
* * Mr. Balfour's Irish Local Government Bill was brought in early in the Session, but more, it was thought, with a view to the coming election than from any serious attempt to grapple with the Irish difficulty.



THE IMPERIAL JACK-IN-THE-BOX.

CHORUS (Everybody).— "EVERYTHING IN ORDER EVERYWHERE! O! WHAT A SURPRISE! SOLD AGAIN!"

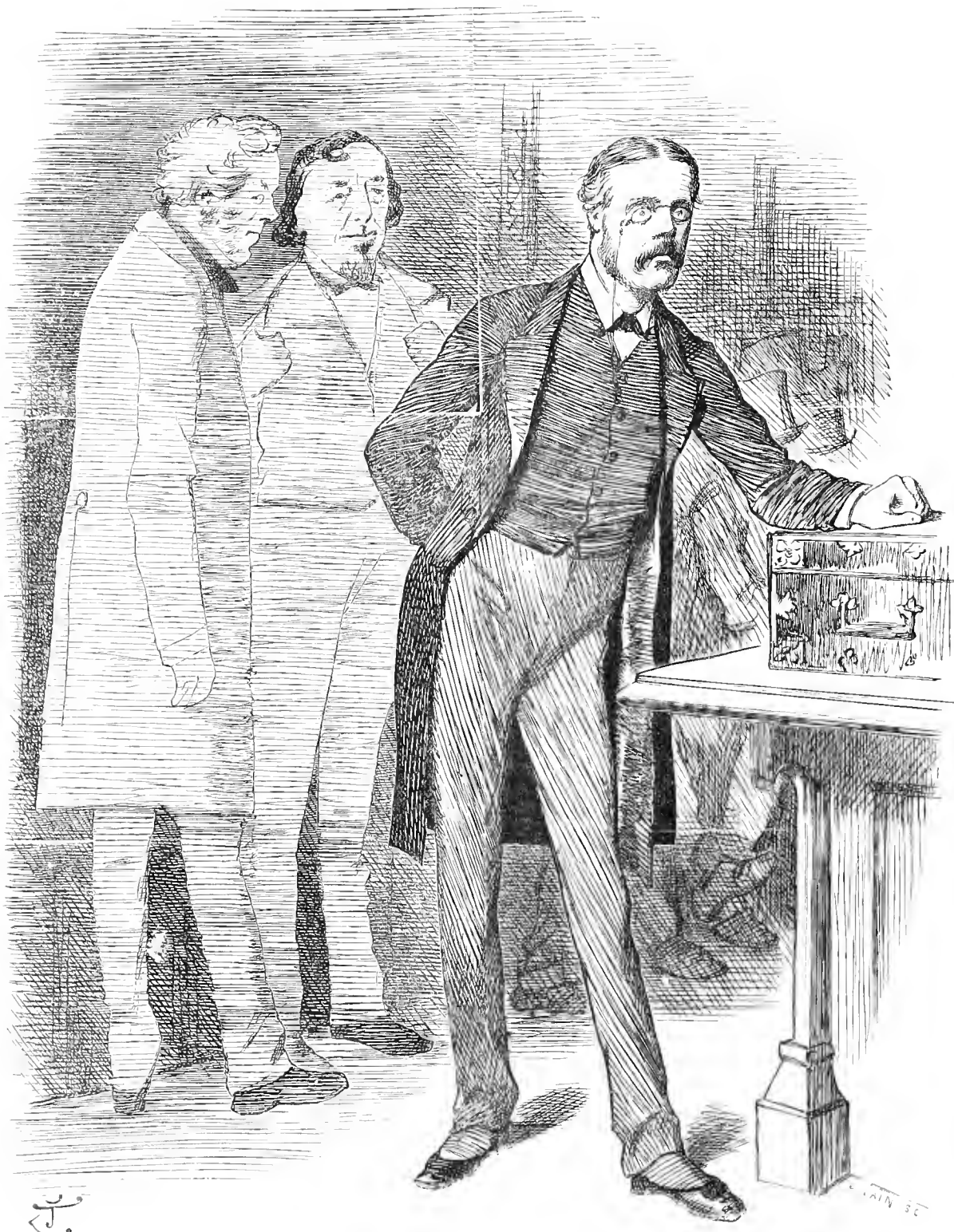
. The German Emperor was ubiquitous, and credited with keeping a watchful eye over the smallest details connected with the Army and Navy, etc. Surprise visits from him were of frequent occurrence.



“SHORT ‘ANDED.”

MRS. HUSB-AY.—“I TELL YOU WHAT IT IS, MRS. COLEY, MUM,—IF ALL THIS ‘ERE DIRTY LINEN’S TO BE GOT THROUGH, WE MUST ‘AVE ‘ELP, MUM!!”

“The *Law Times* said that “the whole legal machinery was out of gear, and the country was too busy to put it right.” “Mrs. Coley” is Lord Chief Justice Coleridge,



“THE COMING OF ARTHUR.”

SHADE OF PAM.—“H’m! A LITTLE YOUNG FOR THE PART, DON’T YOU THINK?”
 SHADE OF DIZZY.—“WELL, YES! *HE* HAD TO WAIT FOR *1*, A GOOD MANY YEARS!—BUT I THINK HE’LL DO!!”

* * Mr. A. J. Balfour was now the acknowledged leader of the Unionist party.



A GIFT FROM THE GREEKS.

RIGHT HON. ARTHUR.—"IF I CAN ONLY GET THIS THROUGH, IT OUGHT TO SETTLE 'EM!"

. The Cartoon humorously compares the introduction of Mr. Balfour's Bill to the well-known incident in the *Trojan story*. But in this instance the stratagem resulted in failure.



THE MODERN ALEXANDER'S FEAST; OR, THE POWER OF SOUND.

“WITH RAVISHED EARS,
THE MONARCH HEARS,

ASSUMES THE GOD,
AFFECTS TO NOD,
AND SEEMS TO SHAKE THE SPHERES!”

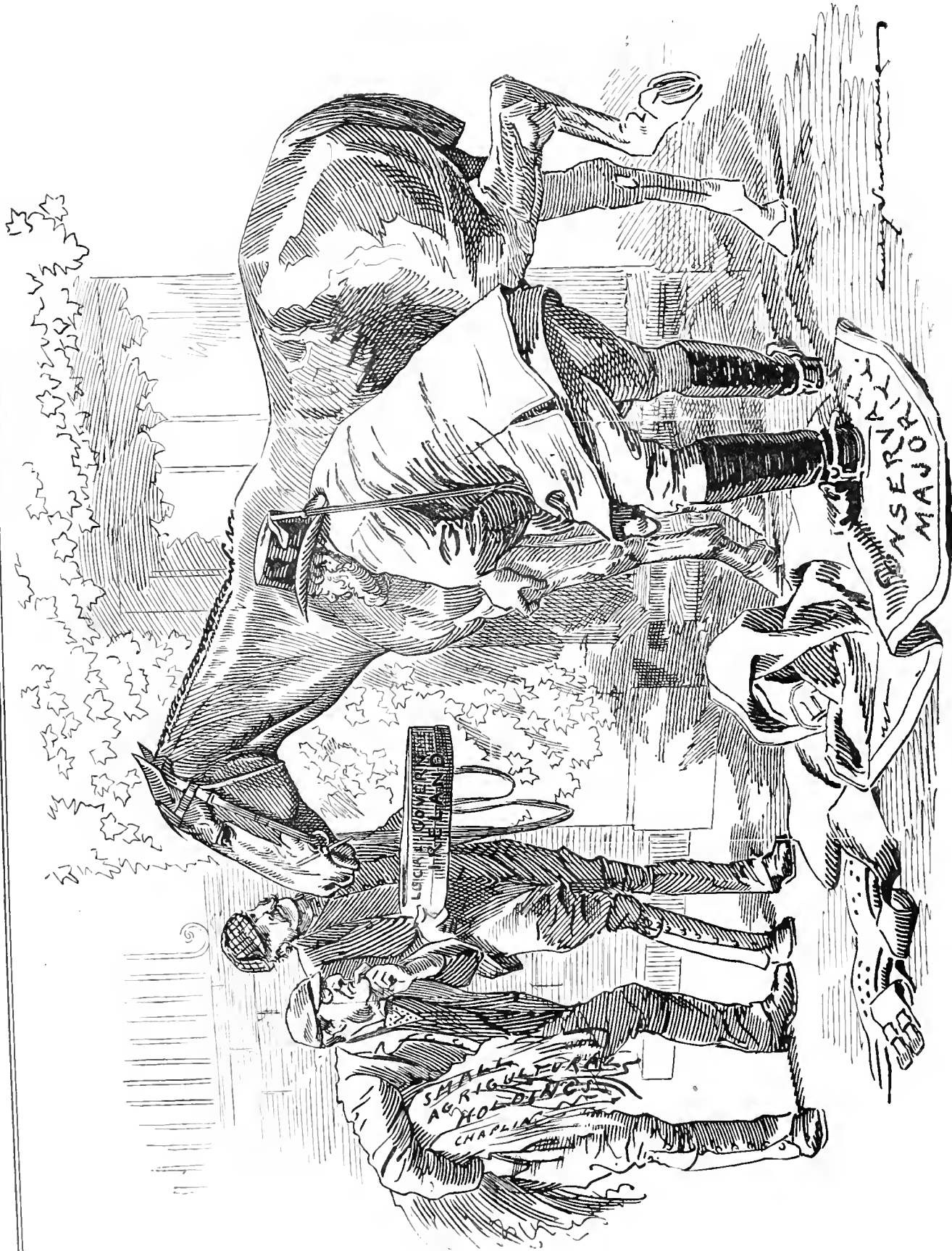
•• This Cartoon, which was suggested by the attitude assumed by the Emperor William during the German Army Bill agitation, caused “Mr. Punch” to be excluded for a time from the Imperial Palace.



YOUNGER THAN EVER!

THE G. O. M.—“NOW THEN, HARCOURT!—TUCK IN YOUR TUPPENNY!—OVER!!”

. The great Liberal leader, who had been recruiting his health in the South of France, had returned and resumed the leadership, which, in his absence, had been temporarily undertaken by Sir William Harcourt.



“ OFF HIS FEED.”

SALISBURY (*the Fed.*).—“ IT IS SEEMS TO HAVE WASTED A BIT! WANTS A TONIC.”

* * The Opposition was slowly but surely gaining in strength, and the Conservative majority dwindling. Mr. Balfour's Irish Local Government Bill was bitterly opposed, but the Small Holdings Bill met with a better reception.



THE BOGIE MAN.

"HUSH! HUSH! HUSH!
HERE COMES THE BOGIE MAN!"

THEN HIDE YOUR HEADS, MY DARLINGS.
HE'LL CATCH YOU IF HE CAN!"

.. A large Progressive majority had been recently returned on the London County Council, and the future course of events was regarded with apprehension by the City authorities.



WILFUL WILHELM.

AN IMPERIAL GERMAN NURSERY RHYME. (FROM THE VERY LATEST EDITION OF "STRUWWELPETER.")

WILFUL WILHELM.—"TAKE THE NASTY *Punch* AWAY!
I WON'T HAVE ANY *Punch* TO-DAY!"

. The German Emperor's speech at a banquet of the Diet of Brandenburg suggested a Cartoon and some sarcastic comments in *Punch*. Before being permitted to circulate in Germany the offending pages were obliterated by the Censor.



SPRING TIME IN LEAP YEAR.

SALISBURY.—“DON'T YOU THINK, NEPHEW ARTHUR, WE'D BETTER *PLUNGE*—BEFORE WE'RE *PUSHED*?”

. It was rumoured that an immediate dissolution and appeal to the constituencies was seriously contemplated by Lord Salisbury's Government.



A WAITING GAME.

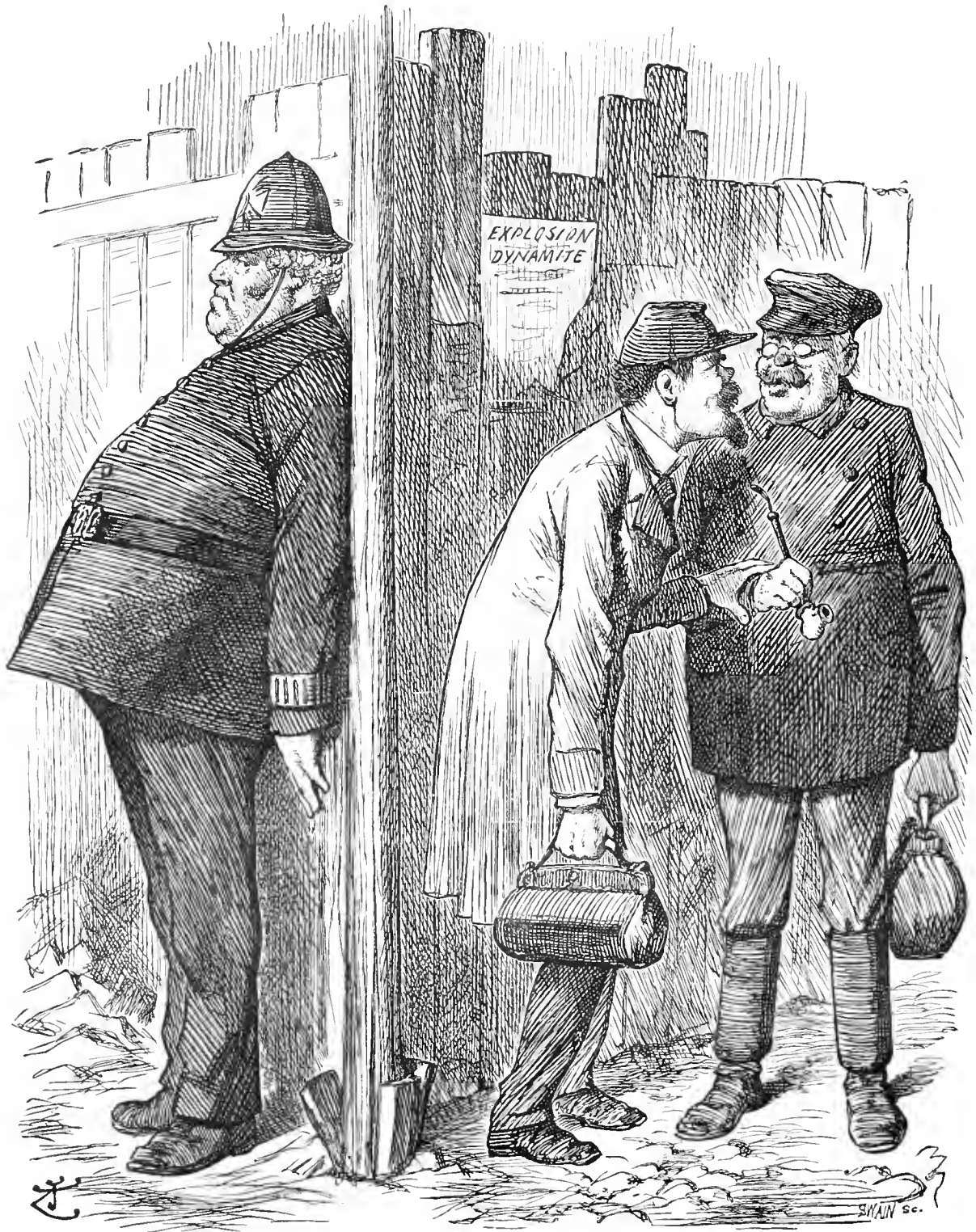
THE OLD KEEPER.—“GENTLY! GENTLY!—MY BEAUTY! I’LL SAY ‘WHEN’!”

* * The Members of the Radical party in the Commons were eager to precipitate the General Election, but were held in check by Mr. Gladstone, who considered the time for action had not yet arrived.



THE NEW "QUEEN OF THE MAY."

. Incendiary manifestoes having been issued by the French proletariat, it was feared that disturbances might arise during the May Day celebrations on the Continent.



RECKONING WITHOUT THEIR HOST.

FIRST ANARCHIST.—“ ENFIN, MON AMI !—VE SHALL NOT BE INTERRUPT IN ZIS FREE ENGLAND ! ”

BULL A 1 (*sotto voce*).—“ DON'T BE TOO SURE, MOSSOO ! YOU'LL FIND NO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES HERE ! ! ”

. By a law passed in the French Chambers, destruction of property by dynamite had been made a capital offence. Recently, however, at a trial of dynamitards, extenuating circumstances had been pleaded, and they escaped with penal servitude.



THE OTHER "WESTMINSTER STABLE."

POLITE STRANGER.—"I BEG YOUR PARDON, SIR; WOULD YOU KINDLY INFORM ME IF HE'S BEEN—'GOT AT'?"
 NOBLE OWNER.—"H'M!—WOULDN'T THE BACKERS OF DISSOLUTION LIKE TO KNOW!"

.. The second reading of Mr. Ralfour's Irish Local Government Bill was delayed by protracted debates, and there were many rumours afloat as to the intentions of the Government and the probable date of dissolution.



“ UNDER WHICH THIMBLE ? ”

. Dissolution was known to be imminent, and ineffectual attempts were being made by the Opposition to ascertain the date of the coming General Election.



A VERY "DARK HORSE."

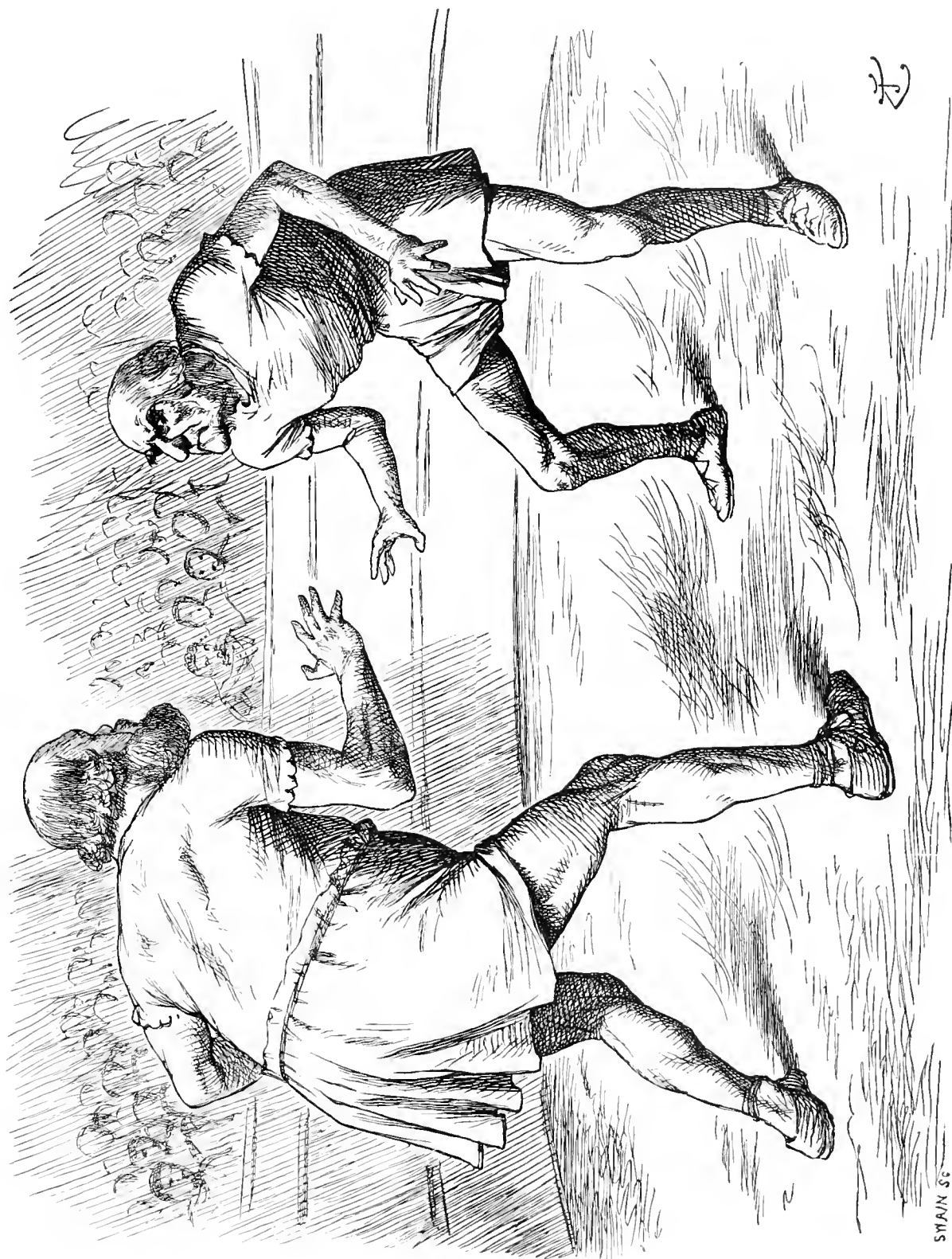
OLD JOCKEY.—"DON'T THINK MUCH OF HIS POINTS! WE'VE ONE IN OUR STABLE CAN LICK HIS HEAD OFF!"
 YOUNG JUCKEY.—"HAVE YOU? THEN WHY DON'T YOU BRING HIM OUT?"

. Mr. Edbour, on the second reading of his Irish Bill, had called on Mr. Gladstone to lay before the electorate in plain terms the policy which he desired to see adopted in regard to Ireland.



DISSOLUTION—(AS THE 'ENEMY OF THE LONDON SEASON).

. The approaching dissolution of Parliament had cast a gloom over the London season, and already there were loud complaints as to its probable effect on trade.



“WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK.”

* * The two great leaders had issued stirring addresses to the constituencies, and were preparing to grapple for supremacy at the forthcoming General Election.



THE POLITICAL JOHNNY GILPIN.

"NOW SEE HIM MOUNTED ONCE AGAIN
UPON HIS NIMBLE STEED,
FULL SLOWLY PACING O'ER THE STONES,
WITH CAUTION AND GOOD BEED."

* * Mr. Gladstone, in view of the General Election, had started on another Midlothian campaign to advocate his Home Rule policy, the principal item in his Newcastle and London programmes.



“CLOSED FOR ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS.”

MR. PUNCH.—“CHANGE OF ACTORS AND PROGRAMME, EH, MR. BULL?”

MR. JOHN BULL (*Manager and Proprietor*).—“CAN’T TELL YET, MR. PUNCH,—DON’T OPEN TILL AUGUST!”

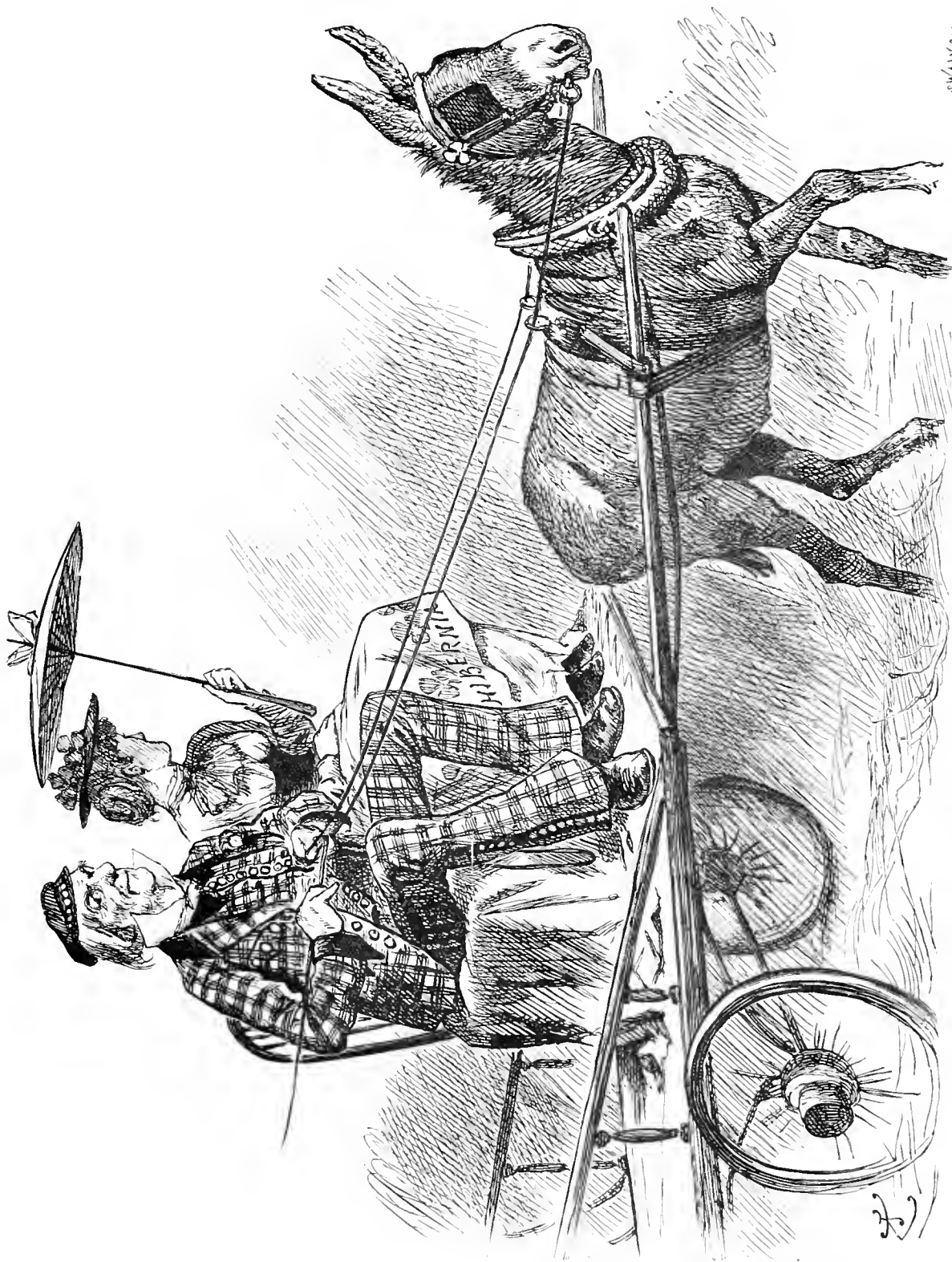
*. Parliament was dissolved on the 28th of June, 1892, and the new Parliament would reassemble the 4th of August.



WILLIAM THE WHEELMAN.

"I CAN ONLY EMPHASISE THE FACT THAT I CONSIDER THAT PHYSICALLY, MORALLY, AND SOCIALLY, THE BENEFITS THAT CYCLING CONFERS ON THE MEN OF THE PRESENT DAY ARE ALMOST UNBOUNDED." (*Aside.*) *Wish I were on a 'SAFETY'!!*"

. The long-expected General Election was over, resulting in a majority of 40 in favour of Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule policy.



“KNOCKED ‘EM IN THE WEST-MIN-ISTER ROAD.”

“WHO ‘RE YER GOIN’ TO MEET, BILL?
‘AVE YER BOUGHT THE STREET, BILL?”

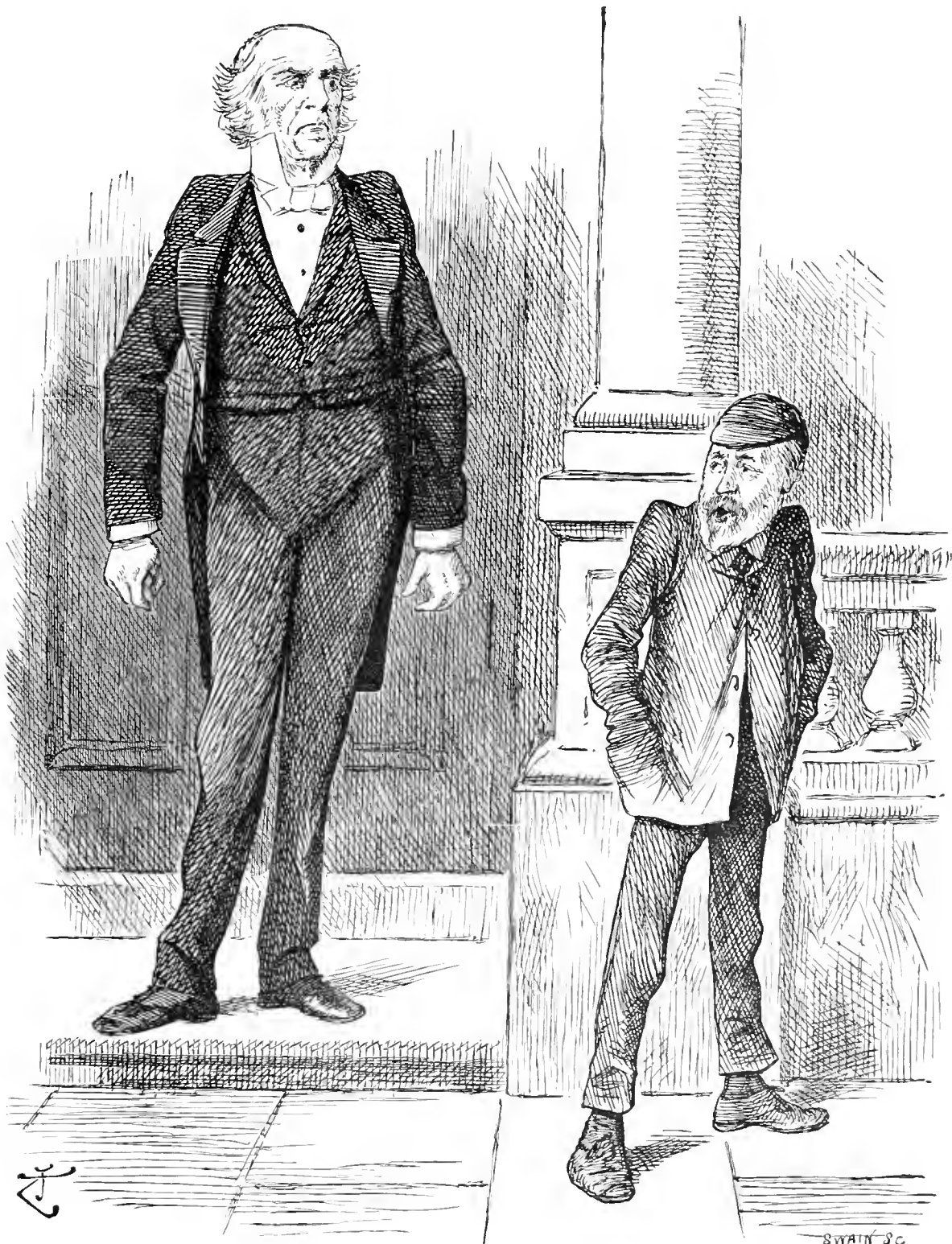
... The Cartoon, illustrating the ardent advocacy by Mr. Gladstone of Home Rule in Ireland, is founded on a popular song, entitled “Knocked ‘em in the Old Kent Road,” sung by Mr. Albert Chevalier.



“ WILL THEY WORK ? ”

LORD ROSEBERY (*aside to Mellarcourt, the Gillie*).—“ WONDER WHAT SORT OF A DAG HE’LL MAKE—OVER THOSE DOGS ! ! ”

* * Mr. Gladstone, with his small and none too closely-knit majority, had to reconcile the conflicting interests of the various contending parties, a task which might well overtax the energies of a far younger man.



“THE LITTLE VULGAR BOY.”

MASTER LABBY (*to the Butler*).—“WON’T GIVE ME A SITUATION, WON’T YER ? THEN I’LL BREAK YER WINDOWS !
YA-AH ! !”

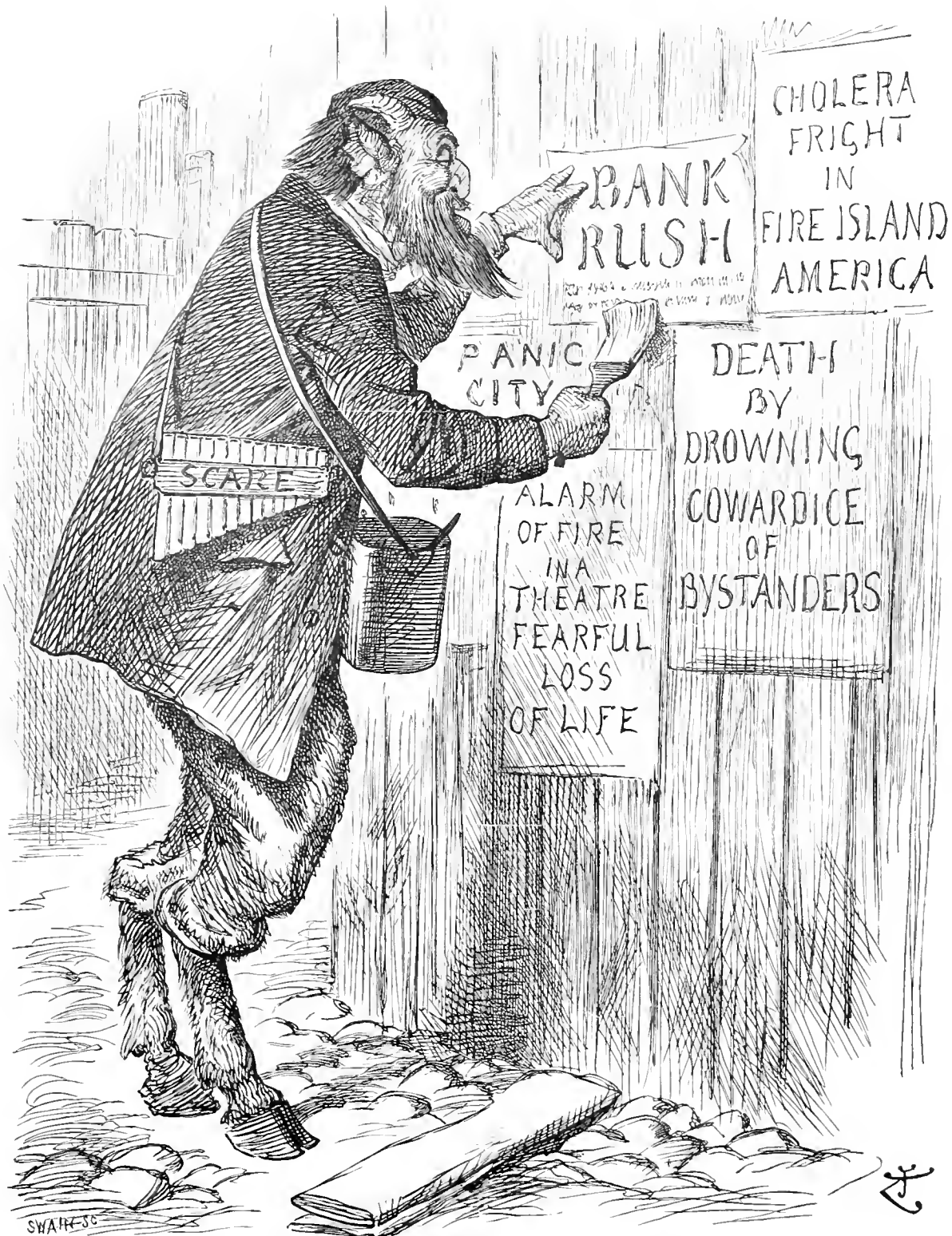
. Mr. Labouchere was not included in the new Ministry, which he attributed to the Queen’s disapproval of the course he had adopted on the Royal Grants Bill. Mr. Gladstone assumed the full responsibility for his exclusion.



“PUTTING ON THE HUG!”

M. LE PRÉSIDENT (*breathlessly*).—“J'EM—BRASSE—LA RUSSIE!!”

. The Cartoon is founded on an incident which occurred at Aix-les-Bains during President Carnot's tour. A child dressed in Russian costume having offered him a bunch of flowers, he kissed her, exclaiming, “J'embrasse la Russie!”



PAN THE POSTER.

PAN (*chuckling*).—"HA! HA! WHO SAID THAT I WAS DEAD, AND PANIC-FEAR A THING OF THE ARCADIAN PAST?"

. An unaccountable panic had arisen amongst the numerous depositors of the Birkbeck Bank, but all claims had been promptly met. In New York State fears of cholera caused the landing of passengers to be violently resisted at Fire Island, and there were other instances of "Scare" elsewhere.



TUNING THE HARP.

* * Mr. John Morley had expressed a hope that the measure of Home Rule about to be proposed would heal many a social wound in Ireland, and spread contentment in that country.

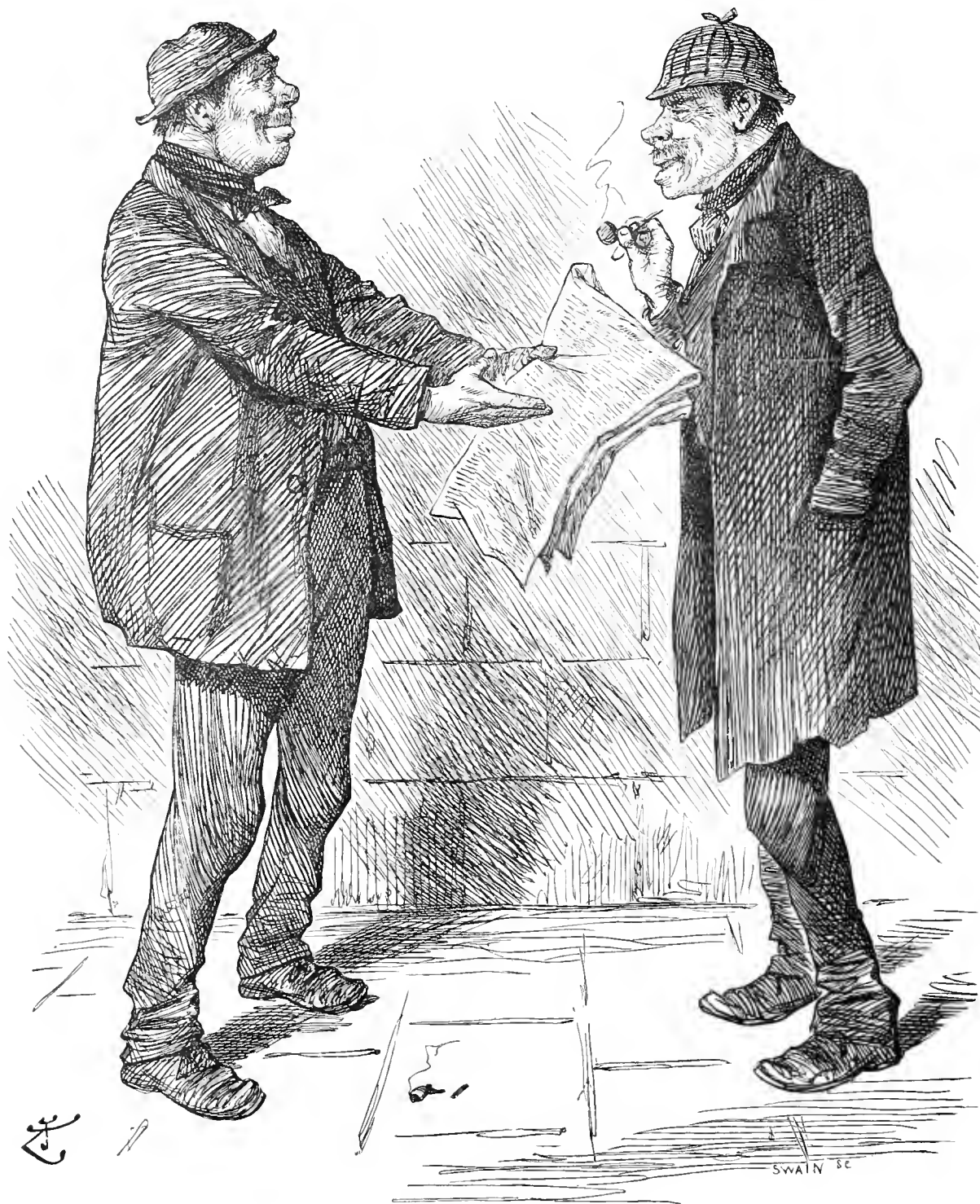


“CROSSING THE BAR.”

“TWILIGHT AND EVENING BELL,
AND AFTER THAT THE DARK !

“AND MAY THERE BE NO SADNESS OF FAREWELL,
WHEN I EMBARK.”—*Tennyson.*

* * Alfred Lord Tennyson, Poet Laureate, who was born in 1809, died on the 6th of October, 1892. His remains were interred in Poets Corner, Westminster Abbey.



“ SQUARED ! ”

FIRST CITIZEN.—“ WOT ! ‘ ALLOWED ’ TO MEET IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND BANK ‘ OLIDAYS, ARE WE ! ! ”
 SECOND CITIZEN.—“ THEN WE JUST WON’T GO ! ! HE-HE ! ! ”

* * The Home Secretary, Mr. Asquith, had announced the repeal of the Trafalgar Square restriction of meetings.



THE ROAD TO RUIN.

. It was urged as an excuse for the proposed increase of the German Army that, in a few years, France would have more than four million trained soldiers, and Russia over four millions and a half.



THE BRUMMAGEN BIRDCATCHER.

(A LAY OF A LABOUR PROGRAMME.) AIR—"THE RATCATCHER'S DAUGHTER."

BRUMMAGEN BIRDCATCHER (*aside*).—"Ah! I fancy I shall have them presently!"

* * * Mr. Chamberlain, in the *Nineteenth Century*, announced his panaceas for the Labour question. Ridiculing the "self-constituted representatives of labour," he maintained that "almost all the legislation dealing with the subject had been initiated by Tory statesmen."



“ LE GRAND FRANÇAIS ! ”

JACQUES BONHOMME (*regarding M. de LESSEPS, apart*).—“ BAH ! I HAVE LOST MY MONEY ! (*Pause.*) ALL THE SAME, I CANNOT DESIRE THAT HE, SO OLD AND SO DISTINGUISHED, SHOULD SUFFER ! ! ”

. As a result of the painful disclosures of fraud, bribery, etc., in connection with the Panama Canal Company, M. Ferdinand de Lesseps had been apprehended and put upon his trial.



THE FIGHT FOR THE STANDARD.

* * An International Monetary Conference on the subject of Bimetallism, in which eighteen nations were represented, had been recently held at Brussels.



BOGEY OR BENEFACTOR?

L. C. C.—“HA, HA! YOU MUST LEARN TO LOVE ME!”

*. * Ratepayers had been much alarmed of late at the steady increase of the rates levied by the London County Council, and had even formed a Ratepayers' Defence Association.



THE RHODES COLOSSUS

STRIDING FROM CAPE TOWN TO CAIRO.

... Mr. Rhodes had announced his intention to continue the telegraph northwards across the Zambesi to Uganda, then, crossing the Sudan, to complete the overland telegraph line from Cape Town to Cairo.



“ DAVY JONES'S LOCKER.”

DAVY JONES.—“AHA! SO LONG AS THEY STICK TO THEM OLD CHARTS, NO FEAR O' MY LOCKER BEIN' EMPTY!!”

“*H.M.S. Howe* had recently run aground on a reef off Ferrol. The mishap was attributed to an error in the chart, which was over a century old.



“ THE WANDERING MINSTREL.”

JEM BAGGS (“*The Wandering Minstrel*”).—“THEY MAY SAY WHAT THEY LIKE AGIN THE COUNTY COUNCIL; BUT I SAYS THEY’RE JOLLY GOOD FELLERS.”

* * * The London County Council declined to co-operate with the Kensington Vestry in exercising more efficient control over itinerant musicians, street cries, etc.



THE FRENCH "SERPENTINE DANCE :"

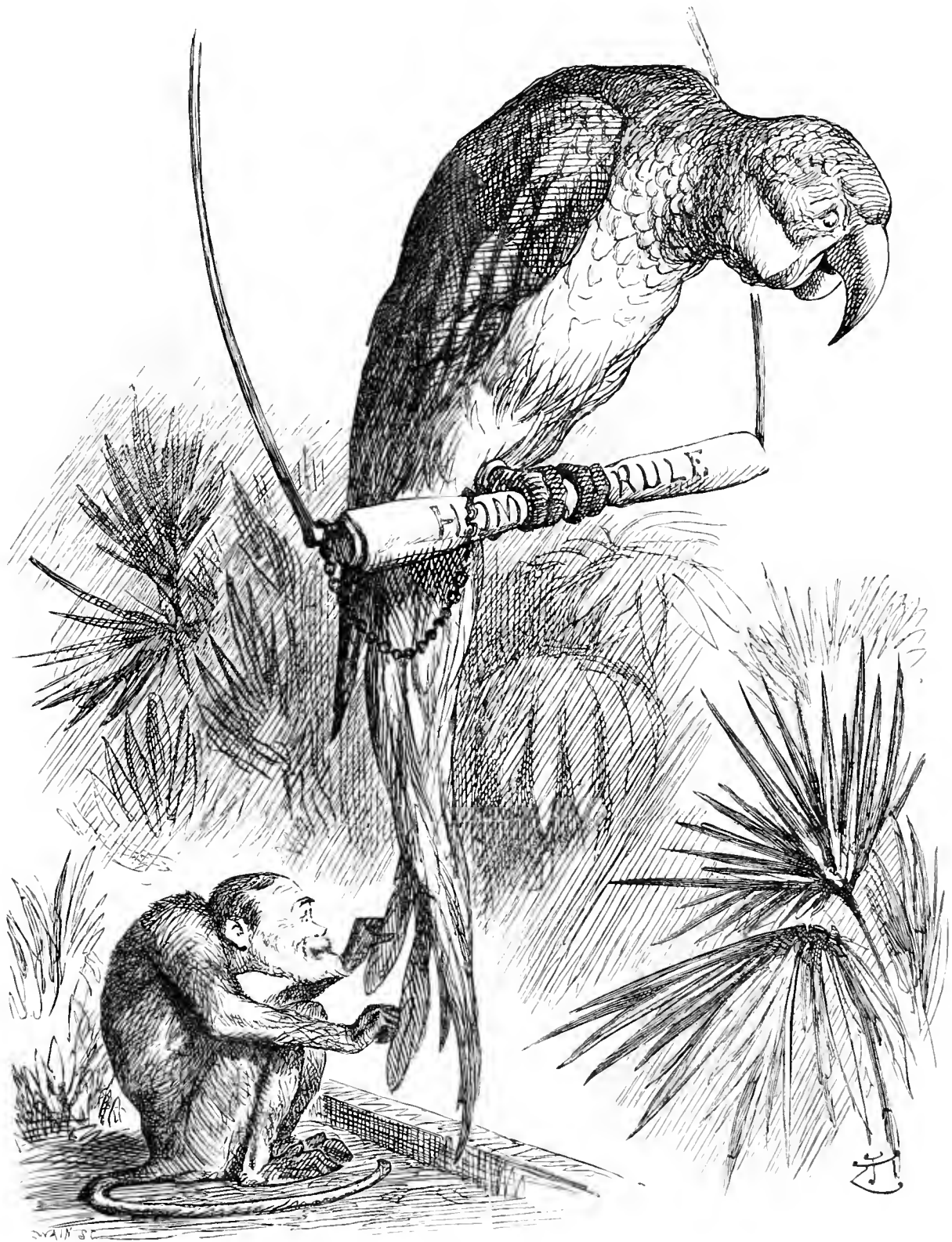
OR, PAS DE PANAMA.

"." The utter collapse of the Panama Canal Company, followed by the prosecution of the promoters and directors, and the loss of the enormous sums of money sunk in the scheme, caused the wildest excitement in France.



THE SNOW MAN.

... In carrying out his Home Rule policy Mr. Gladstone received the cordial support of his colleague and staunch political friend, Mr. John Morley, the Irish Secretary.



MISCHIEF !

•• Mr. Labouchere's promises of support to the Government were largely discounted by the report that he considered himself slighted at being left out of office.



“A STIFF JOB.”

W. E. G. (to himself).—“SHALL HAVE TO KEEP HIM UP TO THE COLLAR!” (Aloud.) “GEE UP!!”

“* The heavy legislative programme, which confronted Mr. Gladstone at the opening of the Session, made it evident that with the small majority at his disposal, he would be unable to carry many of his contemplated measures.”



THE OLD WOMAN AND HER FIG.

"DOG, DOG, BITE FIG.
FIG WON'T GET OVER STILE,
AND I SHAN'T GET HOME -RULE) TO-NIGHT."

"*." After a fiercely contested debate lasting four days Mr. Gholstone succeeded in obtaining leave to bring in his second Home Rule Bill.



A LULLABY.

NURSE G. (*sings*).—"O HUSH THEE, MY BABY,
TAKE REST WHILE YOU MAY"—
(*To himself*.)—"AND NOW I MUST GO AND LOOK AFTER THE OTHERS!"

*. During the lull which followed the introduction of his second Home Rule Bill Mr. Gladstone was able to proceed with some of the measures promised in his Newcastle programme.



PUTTING IT PLEASANTLY!

County Council Cook.—"DILLY, DILLY, DILLY! COME AND BE—AMALGAMATED!"

... Mr. Fowler, the President of the Local Government Board, announced that the Government were willing to appoint a small Commission to consider in what way the City might be amalgamated with the rest of London.



DRESS REHEARSAL OF EMINENT COMEDIANS, GRANDOLPH AND SARUM, PREVIOUS TO STARRING TOUR IN SCOTLAND AND IRELAND RESPECTIVELY.

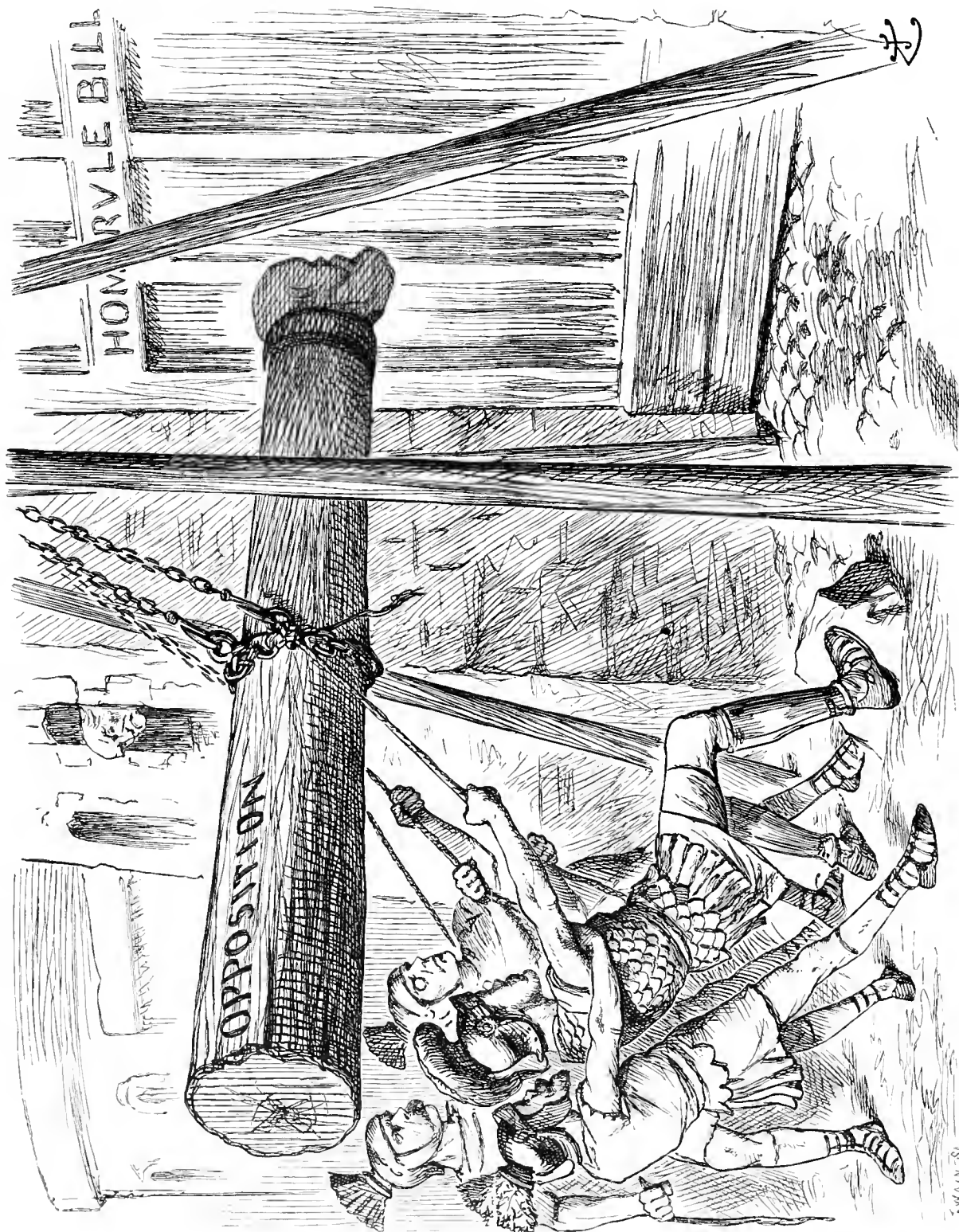
* * Mass meetings in opposition to the Irish Home Rule Bill were about to be held in Edinburgh and also at Belfast and other places in Ulster. The Unionist Leaders had announced their intention to be present.



BETWEEN THE ROUNDS.

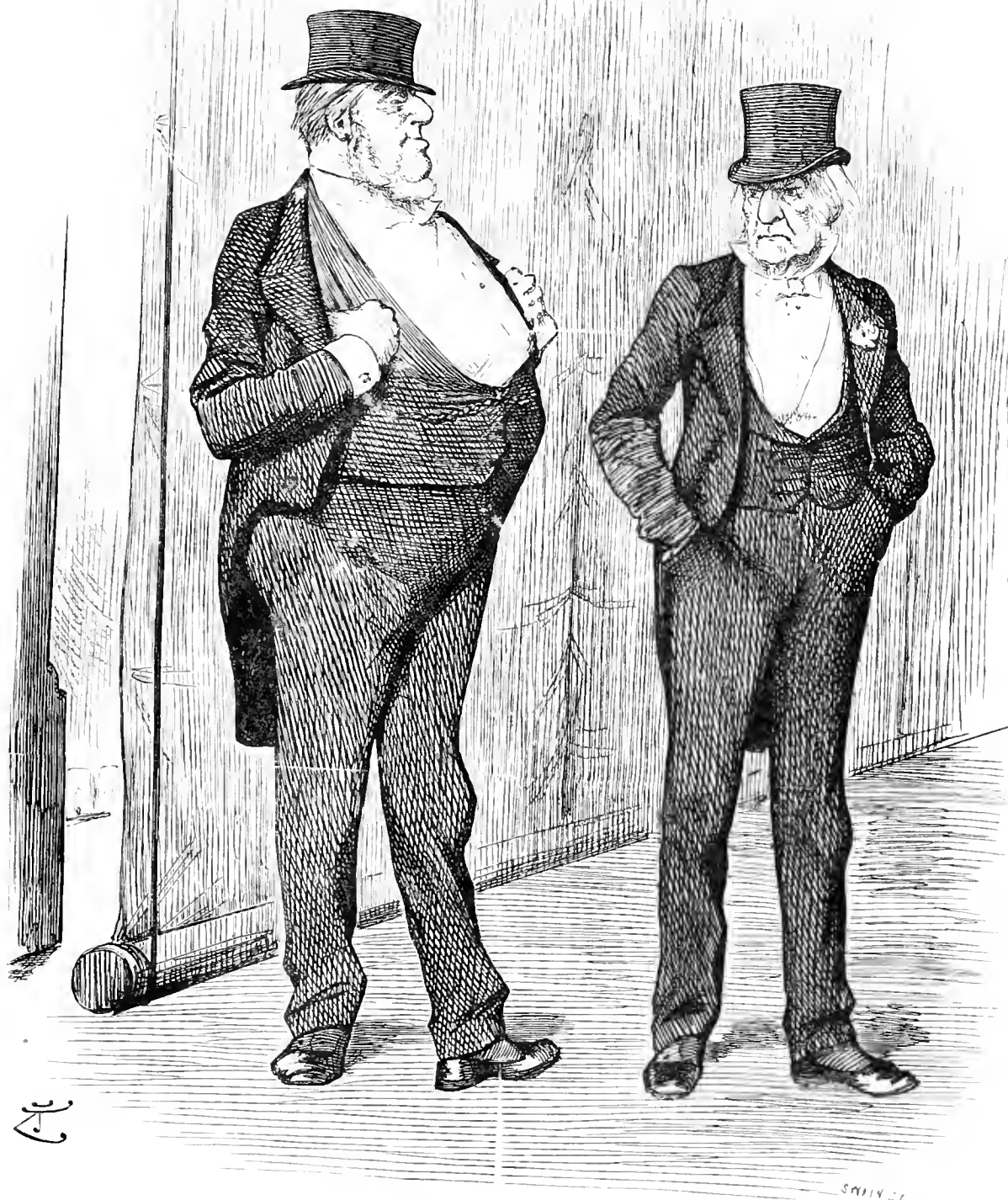
PERTURBED OLD PARTY (*sup.*)—"WHICH, ARTHUR, MY DEAR, YOU 'VE TREATED HIM TOO DELICATE IN FIRST ROUND! YOU 'LL 'AVE TO PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, IF YOU 'EE A-GOIN' TO DO ANY GOOD!"

** The *Standard* newspaper, in reviewing the debates on the introduction of Mr. Gladstone's second Home Rule Bill, said: "These are no days for punctilious or over-strained courtesy in dealing with political opponents."



THE ASSAULT!!

** The Opposition, whilst attacking the Ministry on every vulnerable point, were principally concerned in the assault upon the Home Rule Bill. The assailants depicted are Balfour, Chamberlain, Colonel Sanderson, and Lord Randolph Churchill.

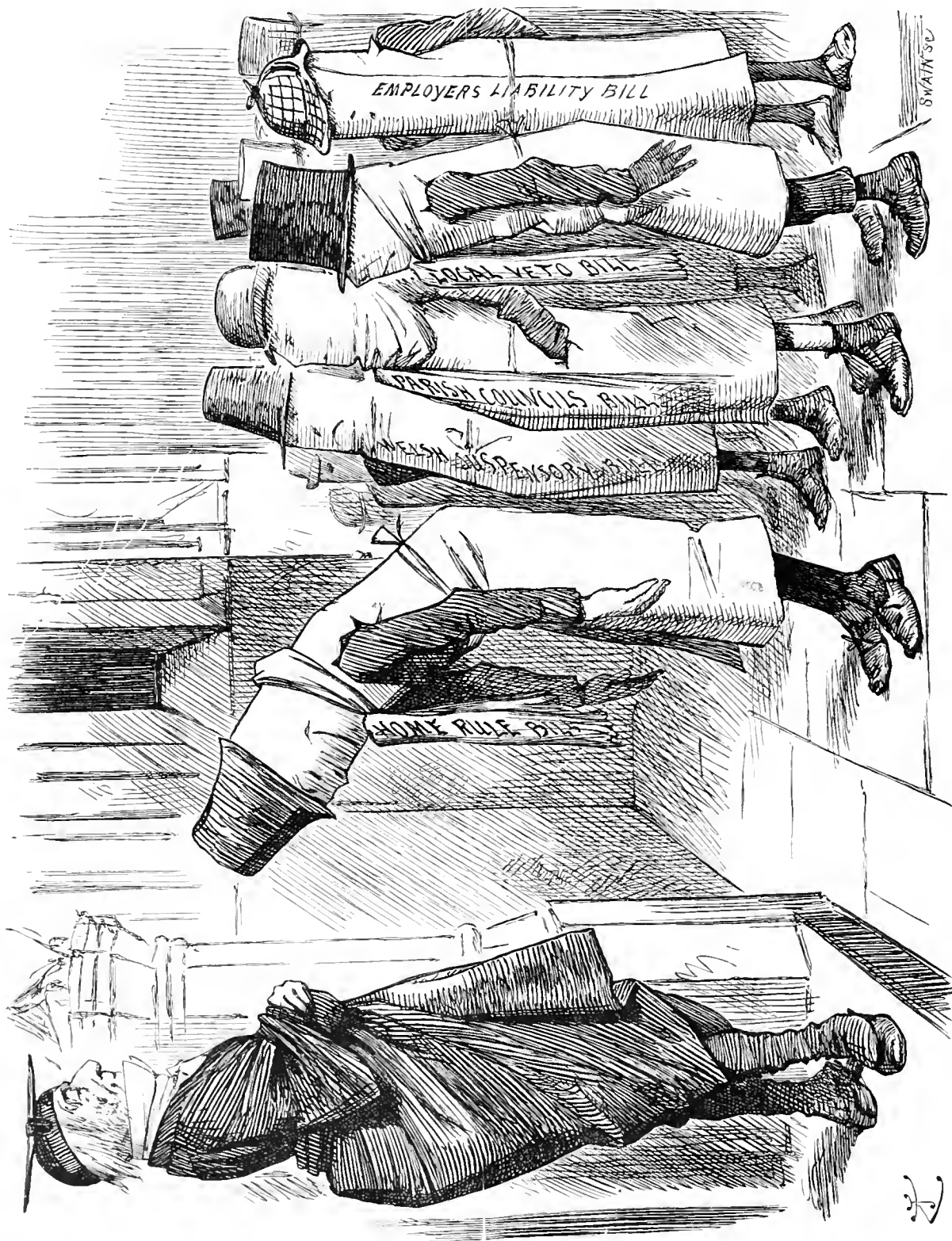


BEHIND THE SCENES.

ACTING MANAGER H—E—R—E.—“ WELL, SIR, I THINK WE MAY SAY THAT,—IN SPITE OF THE ORGANISED OPPOSITION IN THE HOUSE,—THE FIRST ACT HAS REALLY GONE VERY WELL ! ”

MR. G. (*Author and Manager*).—“ H ’ M ! —BUT THE RISKY SITUATION COMES IN THE NEXT ACT ! ”

* * The Opposition had not succeeded in preventing the introduction of the Home Rule Bill, although no fewer than five Votes of Censure had been moved. Mr. Gladstone was now confronted by the second reading of the much contested measure.



BACK TO SCHOOL; OR, DR. GLADSTONE AND HIS YOUNG FRIENDS.

.* Parliament reassembled after the Easter Recess. Mr. Gladstone, speaking at a special meeting of the Liberal party, insisted on the necessity of surrendering to the Ministry the whole time of Parliament. Four important bills had still to be introduced.



A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS.

. The Liberal leader was resolved to persevere with his Home Rule Bill, despite the lukewarm support of the Irish Nationalists and the fierce opposition of the Ulster Unionists.



UNCLE TOBY AND WIDOW WADMAN.

(MODERN ULSTER VERSION. AFTER C. R. LESLIE, R.A.'S CELEBRATED PICTURE.)

MRS ULSTER.—“NOW, MR. BULL, DO YOU SEE ANY ‘GREEN’ IN MY EYE?”

* * * The Ulster Defence Union had issued a manifesto antagonistic to the Home Rule scheme, and mass meetings were convened at Belfast and other parts of Ulster.



“THE POINT TO POINT RACE.”

(OVER THE COMMITTEE COURSE.)

MR. JORROCKS-GLADSTONE (*loq.*).—“COME HUP ! I SAY,—YOU HUGLY BEAST ! !”

* * The second Home Rule Bill having safely passed its second reading, was now in Committee, where it encountered numberless hostile amendments.



MAY 10, 1893.

"THEREFORE ON THIS BRIGHT MAY DAY ARE WE WREATHING
A FLOWERY BAND TO BIND US ROUND THE EARTH."—*Keats, slightly altered.*

* * * The Imperial Institute at South Kensington, the main object of which was to illustrate the commercial and natural resources of the Colonies and India, was opened on this date by the Queen.



“THE MINSTREL BOY.”

LORD S-L-SB-RY! (sings).—“I’LL HARP WILD WAR, AYE, FROM SEA TO SEA,
ERE THE LOYALISTS STOOP TO SLAVERY!”

. Great Unionist demonstrations against Mr Gladstone’s second Irish Home Rule Bill had been held at Belfast. Lord Salisbury was amongst the speakers who addressed the gathering.

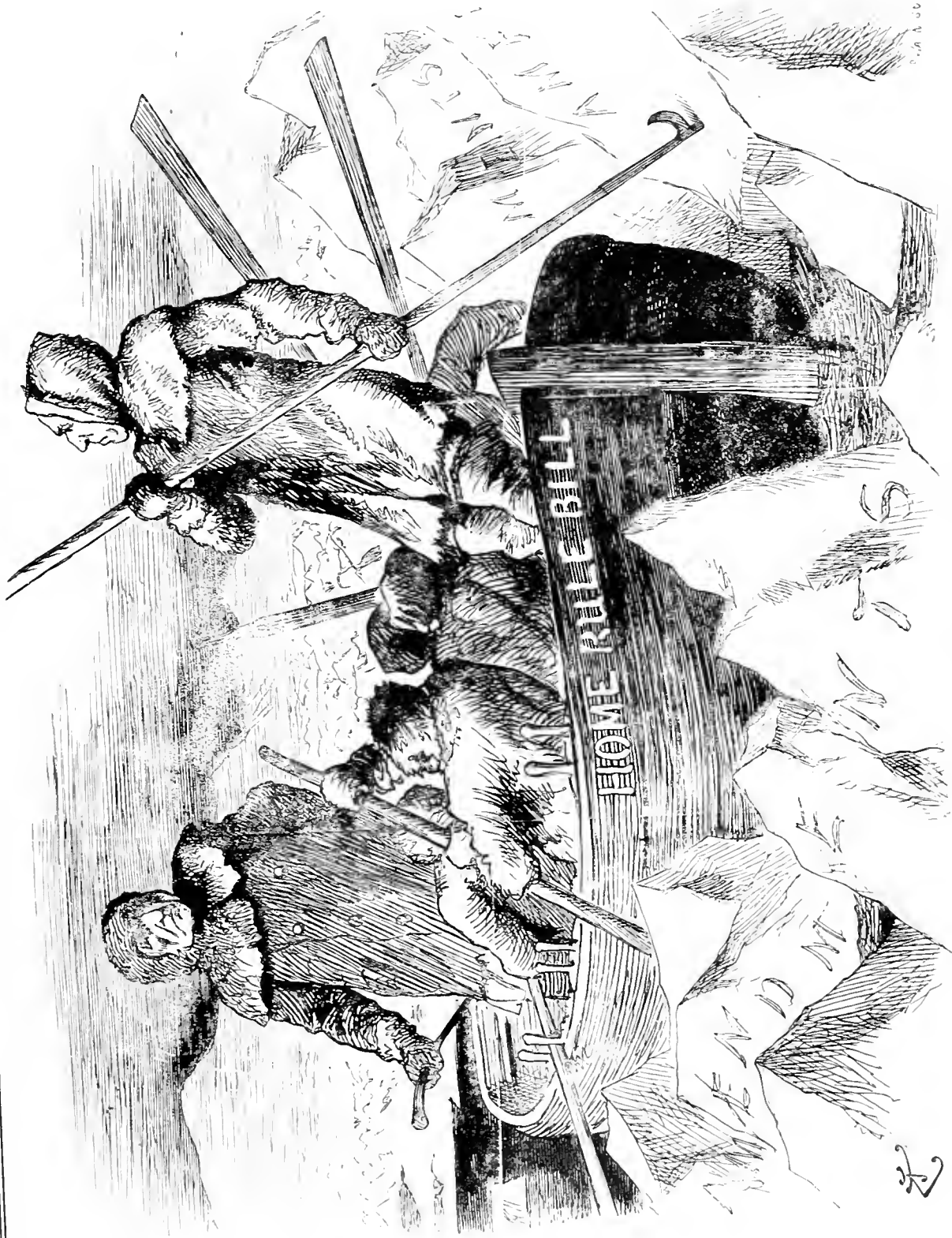


THE DERBY "SWEEP:" OR. THE GIPSY'S WARNING.

MR. G. (*jubilantly to Mr. J-ST-N McC-RTHY*).—"HOME RULE, BY JOVE! THAT IS LUCK!!"

GIPSY JOSEFA.—"LET ME TELL YOUR FORTUNE, MY PRETTY GENTLEMAN!!"

* * Mr. Chamberlain, speaking at Birmingham, said that if Mr. Gladstone succeeded in passing his Home Rule scheme, he would not have the slightest chance of being again returned for Midlothian.



“IN A TIGHT PLACE!”

JOHN MORLEY.—“LOOK HERE, SKIPPER!—IF WE DON’T GET THROUGH THIS SOMEHOW, WE SHALL BE SMASHED!”

“Mr. Gladstone’s difficulties in steering the Home Rule Bill through the many obstructive amendments had now reached a climax. He proposed as a remedy to limit discussion on the clauses by grouping them, and applying the closure at a specified time to each group.”



1893: OR, THE GOVERNMENT GUILLOTINE.

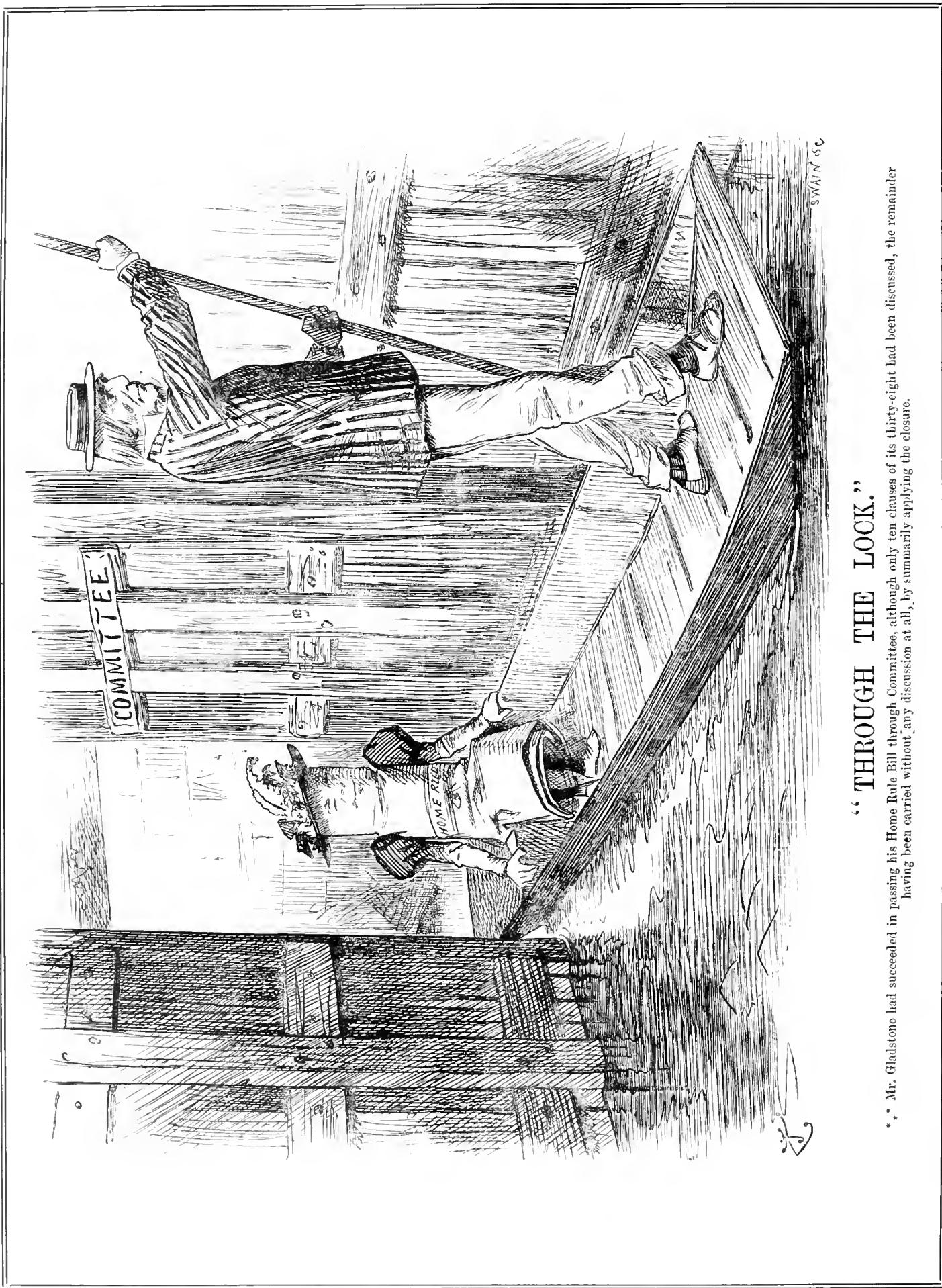
*. The Government scheme of "Closure by Compartments" had now come into active operation, and the remaining clauses of the Home Rule Bill were rapidly disposed of.



"FATHER WILLIAM."

"YOU ARE OLD," SAID THE YOUTH; "ONE WOULD HARDLY SUPPOSE
THAT YOUR EYE WAS AS STEADY AS EVER;
YET YOU BALANCE THAT EEL ON THE END OF YOUR NOSE—
WHAT MAKES YOU SO AWFULLY CLEVER?"

. The German Army Bill, which had been vehemently opposed and rejected in the previous Parliament, was eventually passed.



“THROUGH THE LOCK.”

“Mr. Gladstone had succeeded in passing his Home Rule Bill through Committee, although only ten clauses of its thirty-eight had been discussed, the remainder having been carried without any discussion at all, by summarily applying the closure.”



THE FRENCH WOLF AND THE SIAMESE LAMB.

. Disputes having arisen between the French and Siamese Governments concerning the boundary of the river Mekong, an ultimatum was sent by France and unconditionally accepted.



THE STORMY PETREL!

..* Mr. Gladstone having given notice that on a fixed date he should move the peremptory closing of the debate on the report stage of the Home Rule Bill, Mr. Chamberlain (the "Stormy Petrel") met the motion with a hostile amendment.



THE POOR VICTIM!

JOHN.—"H'M! GOOD; MIGHT BE BETTER!"

JONATHAN.—"H'M! BAD; MIGHT BE WORSE!"

THE SEAL.—"THREE MONTHS' CLOSE-TIME! H'M! MIGHT HA' MADE IT TWELVE!"

* * The arbitrators appointed to settle the dispute between the United States and the British Government respecting the Seal Fishery in the Behring Sea had delivered their award, which was generally favourable to Great Britain.



TRYING HER STRENGTH.

MADAME LA REPUBLIQUE.—“AHA!—I HAVE PULLED ‘EM NOW—AT LAST!!!”

. The General Election in France had resulted in favour of the Government, who obtained a considerable majority.



LITTLE BILL-EE!

(AFTER THACKERAY.)

"OH, BILL-EE! WE'RE GOING TO KILL AND EAT YOU.
SO UNDO THE BUTTON OF YOUR CHEMIE."
WHEN BILL RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION,
HE USED HIS POCKET-HANDKERCHIEF.

* * * In the House of Lords the Duke of Devonshire moved the rejection of the Irish Home Rule Bill. The issue was a foregone conclusion, the Bill being defeated by 419 to 41 votes.



A LESSON FOR "LABOUR."

MARS.—"LOOK HERE, BROTHER VULCAN!—WHEN EVEN *I* HAVE KNOCKED UNDER TO 'ARBITRATION,' SURELY YOU MIGHT TRY IT?"

*. * Great distress had been caused by prolonged strikes amongst the coal-miners about this time, and the Cartoon urges the wisdom of settling the disputes by arbitration.



THE "FORLORN HOPE."

* * After the summary rejection of the Irish Home Rule Bill by the Peers the Liberal party were daily awaiting the signal for an attack on the House of Lords.



ALEXANDER AND DIOGENES.

ALEXANDER.—“ IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU ? CASTLE ? OR ANYTHING OF THAT SORT ? ”

DIOGENES.—“ NO—ONLY TO LEAVE ME TO MY TUB ! ”

*** Overtures for a reconciliation between the German Emperor and Prince Bismarck had been recently made, but without immediate result. *



“ L'UNION FAIT LA-FARCE ! ”

.. A Russian squadron had arrived at Toulon and been warmly welcomed. The admiral and officers were entertained at the Elysée by President Carnot, and Patis was decorated on the occasion.



LITTLE MASTER MINORITY.

BROTHER JONATHAN.—“WA’AL, MR. JOSEPH; I GUESS ALL YOUR SYMPATHIES ARE WITH THIS LITTLE C’SS?”
 MR. CHAMBERLAIN.—“NOT AT ALL, NOT AT ALL,—ON YOUR SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC!”

*. The so-called “Silver Party” in the American Senate agreed to remove the existing deadlock by discontinuing their obstructive tactics towards the repeal of the Sherman Act.



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THE BLACK SHADOW.

NURSE GLADSTONE.—“NOW, MY LITTLE DEARS, WE SHALL HAVE A NICE QUIET TIME—ALL TO OURSELVES!”

“UGANDA! MASHONALAND!! NURSE, I’M AFRAID
THE DARK CONTINENT CASTS O’ER YOUR BABES A BLACK SHADE!”

. On the reassembling of the House of Commons the Employers’ Liability Bill and the Parish Councils Bill were brought forward. Affairs in Matabeleland, however, caused anxiety, and a black shadow seemed to rest on the Dark Continent.



“RESH’PROSH’TY.”

M. CARNOT.—“WELL, OLE F’LER, WE’VE ALL HAD JOLLY GOOD TIME—AN’ I’M GOING T’ AMNESTY EV’RYB’Y!! YOU—DO—SAME!!”

TZAR.—“LEAVE THAT T’ ME. BY TH’ WAY—COULD YOU ’BLIGE ME—TRIFLIN’ LOAN?.”

“* At a banquet given by President Carnot at the Elysée to Russian naval officers there were many protestations of reciprocity. The ulterior object of the Russian visit, however, was strongly suspected to be the floating of a loan.



THE HANDY BOY!

THE MISSIS.—"I KNEW YOU HAD PLENTY TO DO, PRIMROSE, BUT I WAS QUITE SURE YOU WOULDN'T MIND TAKING UP THOSE COALS!"

. Lord Rosebery presided at a Conference of representatives of coal-owners and miners which met at the Foreign Office to settle, if possible, the great coal strike.



“A BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO.”

[“If he (MR. FOWLER) understood the decision of the House correctly on this subject, it was this—that the disqualification of married women should cease; that was to say, where a woman was otherwise qualified, and was on an existing register, and as such, entitled to vote, she should not be disqualified by reason of being a married woman. . . . It was a decision which the Government would endeavour to carry out. . . . He should propose to insert a new clause removing the disqualification of married women altogether.”—MR. H. FOWLER *in the Debate on the Parish Councils Bill.*]

* * The Parish Councils Bill was introduced by Mr. Fowler, the President of the Local Government Board.



THE MODERN MEDUSA.

. The Cartoon directs attention to the fact that, in the best interests of civilisation, it is imperative to crush the evil forces of anarchy wherever existing.



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"THE CHAMPION SHAVER!"

MR. G.—"YOU'RE A BIT BRISTLY, SIR, BUT I THINK WE SHALL POLISH YOU OFF BEFORE CLOSING TIME!!"

* * * Mr. Gladstone hoped to pass the Parish Councils Bill and the Employers' Liability Bill, both being non-contentious measures, before the Christmas Recess, but the pressure of other business was too great.



“THE FIGURE 8.”

JOHN BURNS.—“BRAVO, MR. BANNERMAN! YOU’VE PICKED UP THAT FIGURE PRETTY QUICK!!
 (CAPITALIST (*Employer of Labour, to himself*).—“AH! I SUPPOSE WE SHALL ALL HAVE TO LEARN IT SOON!”

.. The agitation for shorter hours of labour was steadily gaining ground. The War Secretary (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) announced that in future the working-hours in the ordnance factories would be reduced to forty-eight per week.



“WAITING FOR RELIEF.”

TURKEY.—“HELLO! YOU’VE ALL-COME TO IT, HAVE YOU? WHY, I’VE BEEN A CASUAL FOR YEARS!”

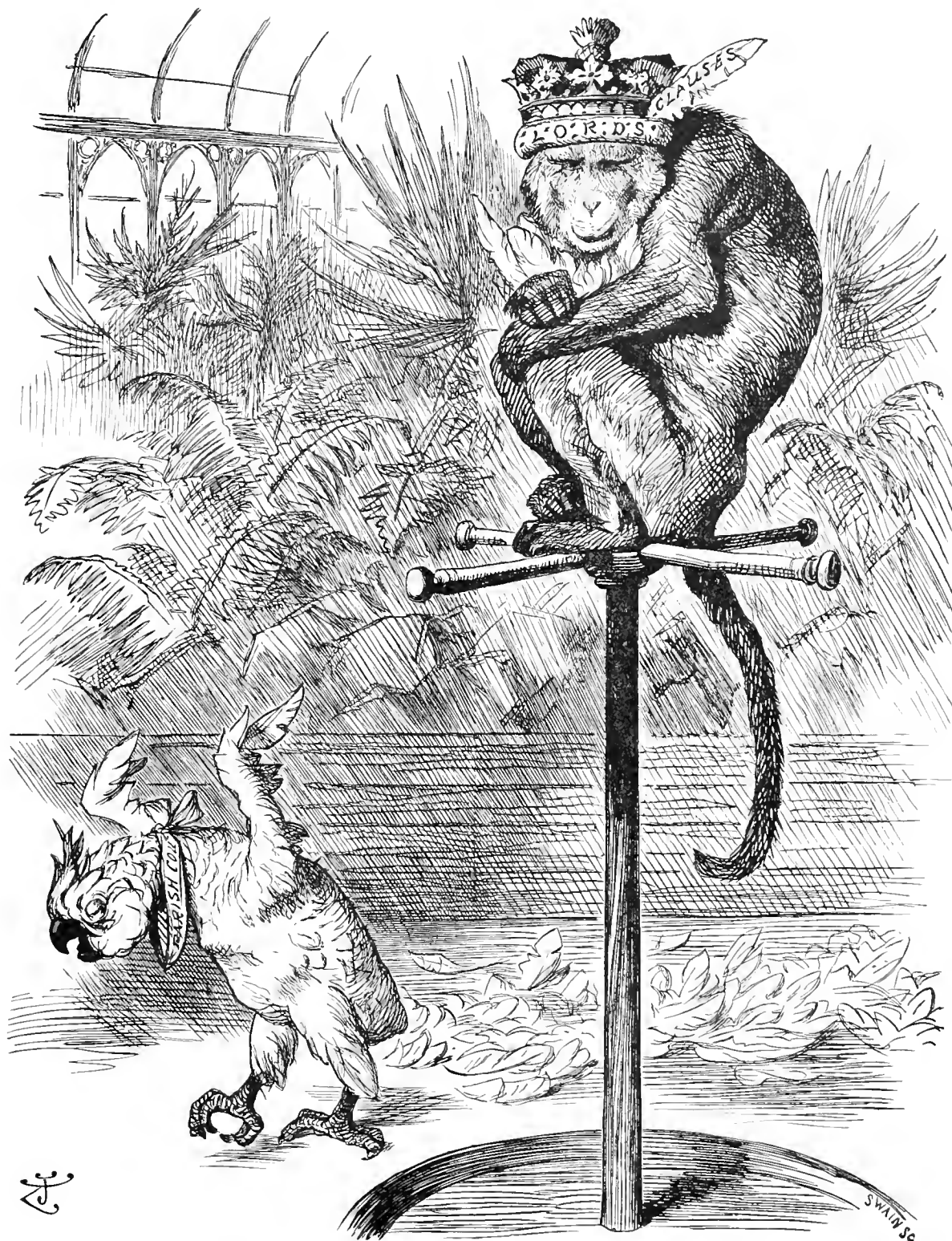
* * Many European governments were at this time in financial difficulties, and were either endeavouring to raise loans or suffering from deficits in revenue.



“ CONFIDENCES.”

JOHN BULL.—“ DID YOU EVER SEE ANYTHING WORSE THAN MY NAVY ? ”
 JEAN CRAPEAU.—“ YES—MINE ! ! ”

* * * A debate had taken place in the French Chamber of Deputies which provoked comparisons between the navies of England and France.



“ PLUCK'D ! ”

PARISH COUNCILS COCKATOO (*silly*).—“ I ’VE HAD A DOOSE OF A TIME OF IT !!! ”

*. The Parish Councils Bill had suffered great changes in its passage through the House of Lords.



UNARMING.

"UNARM!—THE LONG DAY'S TASK IS DONE!"—*Antony and Cleopatra*, Act IV., Scene 12.

. On the 1st of March, 1894, Mr. Gladstone delivered his last speech in the House of Commons previous to his final retirement from political life.



A SOFT AIR; OR, BEAUTY AND THE BEAR.

BRIT (rather suspiciously).—"WHAT HAS HE BEEN SAYING TO YOU?"

* * * Lord Dufferin, the British Ambassador, in a speech delivered in Paris, had referred to Russia in highly eulogistic terms.

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THE KNIGHT AND THE JESTER.

"SIR ROSEBERY THE KNIGHT ENTERED GAY ON HIS COURSE.
SING WALY, WALY, OH!
CRIED LABEY THE JESTER, 'THIS KNIGHT I'LL UNHORSE!'
SING WALY, WALY, OH!"

. An Amendment to the Address, moved by Mr. Labouchere, praying for the abolition of the House of Lords, had been carried on a snap division by 147 to 145.



THE PARLIAMENTARY "GRAND NATIONAL."

RIGHT HONOURABLE ARTHUR B.—"THIS IS A NASTY ONE—BUT IT'S NOTHING TO THE NEXT!"

* * The Government majority on the second reading of the Registration Bill was reduced to 14, and the measure was eventually dropped. The Evicted Tenants Bill, with the help of the Closure, passed through Committee, but was thrown out by the House of Lords.



LEMON-SQUASH.

WILLIAM HERBERT (*the Barman*).—"WONDER IF I CAN SQUEEZE ANY MORE OUT OF HIM?"

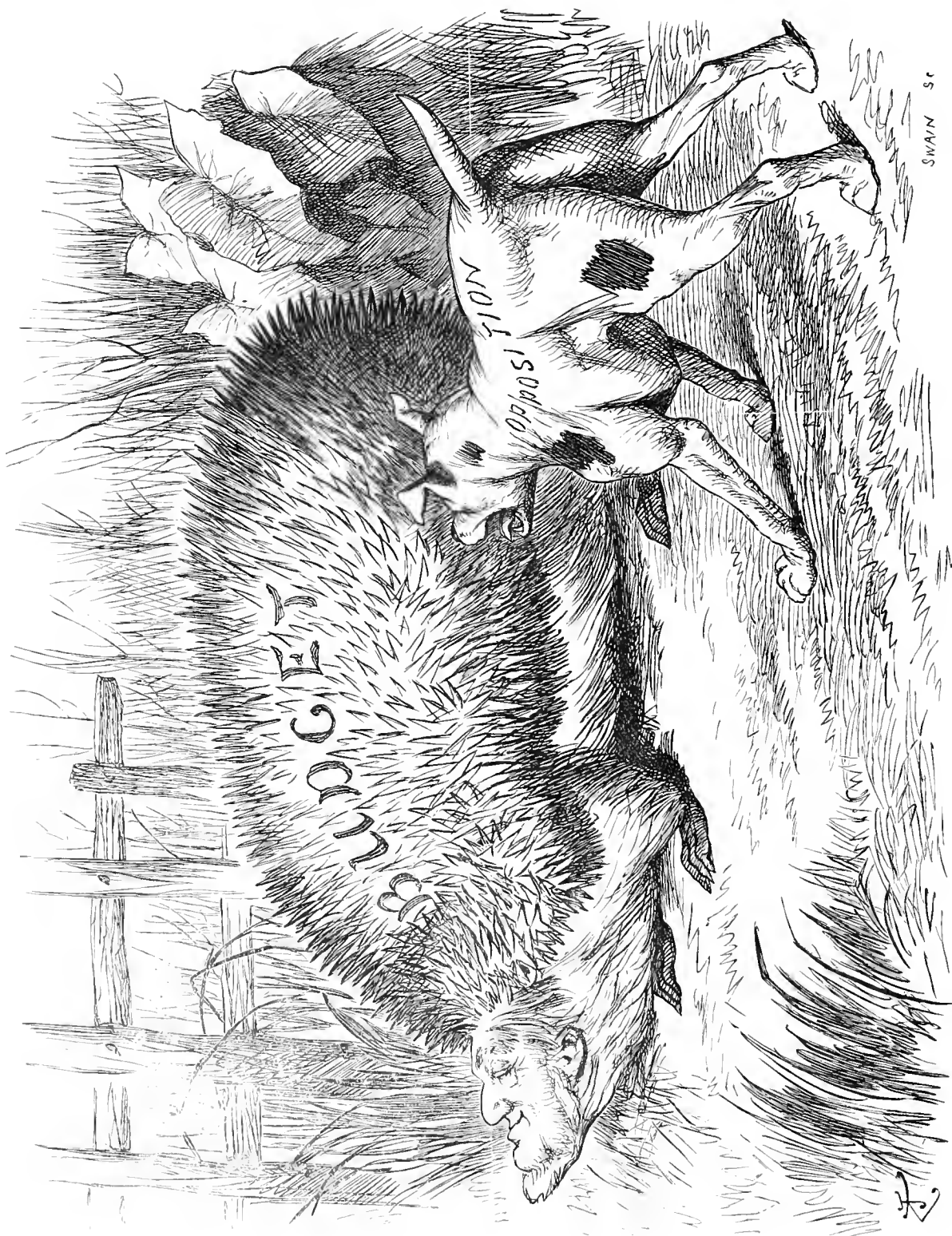
. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his Budget, increased the Income-tax from 7d. to 8d.



THE BLACK BABY.

MR. BULL.—“WHAT, ANOTHER!!—WELL, I SUPPOSE I MUST TAKE IT IN!!!”

•• The East Africa Company had evacuated Uganda, which it had controlled for some years. The King being powerless to maintain order, the kingdom was declared a British Protectorate.



“A TEASER TO TACKLE.”

* * Sir William Harcourt's third Budget, which contained many novel innovations, met with determined opposition from the many interests threatened.



BOLD ROBIN HOOD.

SIR ROBIN HOOD H-RC-ET (addressing "The Merchants").—"NAY, FRIEND, 'TIS NO ROBBERY! I DO BUT EASE YOU OF THIS TO RELIEVE YOUR POORER BRETHREN!"

. The proposal by Sir William Harcourt to consolidate and graduate the Death Duties on real and personal property was angrily debated.



HAMLET AND THE SKULL.

HAMLET. SIR W. H-B-L.—“THIS FELLOW MIGHT BE IN ‘S TIME A GREAT BUYER OF LAND, WITH HIS STATUTES, HIS RECOGNISANCES, HIS FINES, HIS DOUBLE VOUCHERS, HIS RECOVERIES,” &c., &c.

. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, soliloquising, comes to the conclusion that death has its duties as well as rights.



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FALSTAFF'S FIX.

HOSTESS QUICKLY MISTRESS BUNG. FALSTAFF H-RO-ET

HOSTESS QUICKLY.—"THOU HAST EATEN ME OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME; THOU HAST PUT ALL MY SUBSTANCE INTO THAT FAT WALLET OF THINE!—BUT I WILL HAVE SOME OF IT OUT AGAIN, OR I WILL RIDE THREE O' NIGHTS, LIKE THE MARE!"—*Shakspeare.*

* * Sir William Harcourt had roused the determined opposition of the Licensed Victuallers by his augmentation of the duties on spirits and beer, and the proposed local veto on the liquor traffic.



A LICENSING QUESTION: OR, BUNG AND BADGE.

BROTHER BUNG.—AH! MY BOY, THEY'LL HAVE TO GIVE YOU A DOSE OF MY PHYSIC. THERE'S TOO MANY OF YOU; TOO MUCH QUANTITY, TOO LITTLE QUALITY; AND THE PUBLIC'LL HAVE TO PUT ITS *WETO* ON IT.

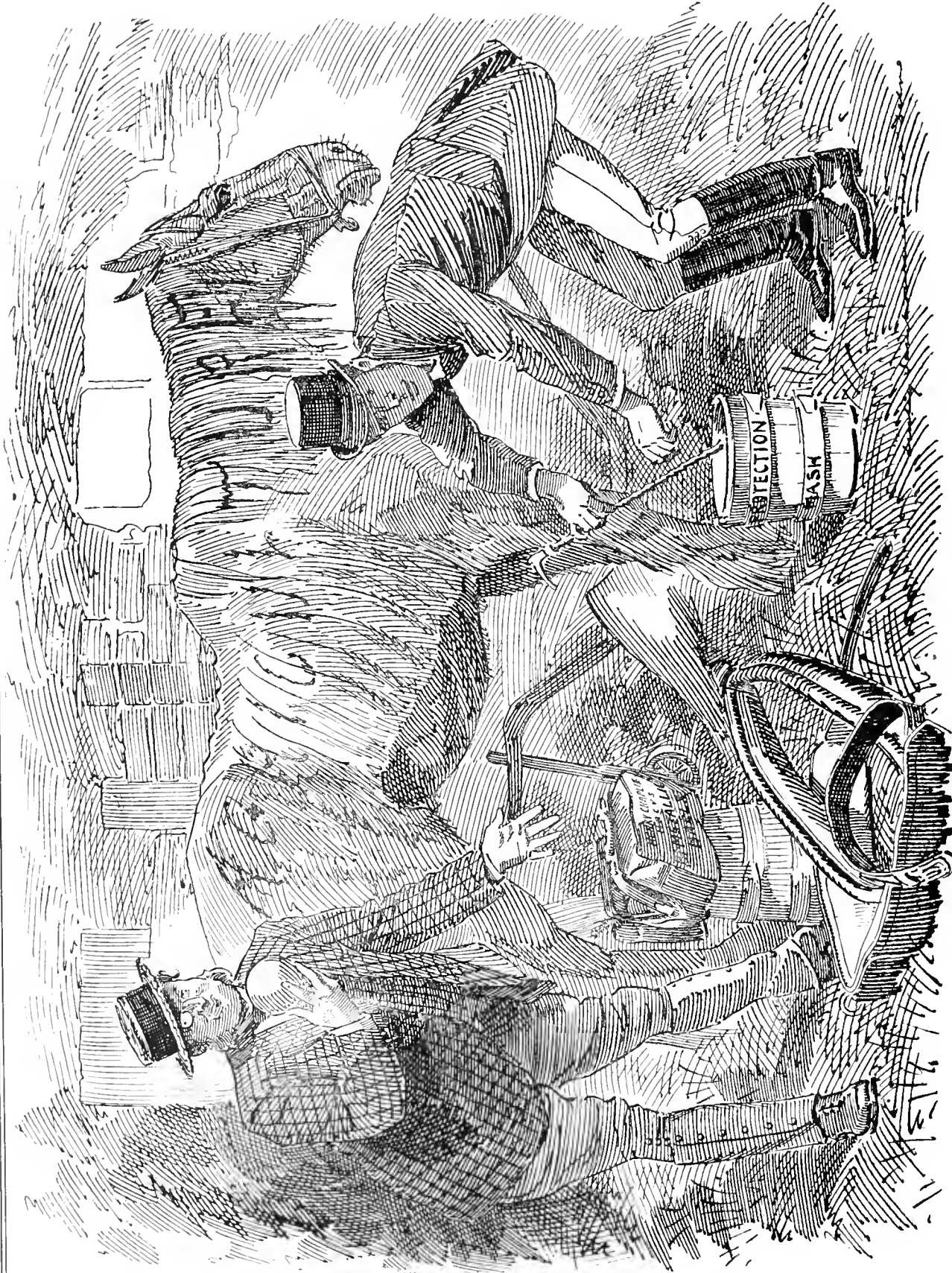
. The newly-formed Cab-drivers Union had ordered a strike, and about 7,000 men came out, but through the mediation of Mr. Asquith it was settled with little public inconvenience.



“ A CONTENTED MIND—”

TOUCHSTONE (SIR W. HERRICK, *soliloquising*).—“A POOR THING, BUT MINE OWN.”—*As You Like It*, Act V., Scene 4.

* * The Chancellor of the Exchequer had every reason to be satisfied with the success of his Budget. It was being passed clause by clause in spite of much opposition.



THE RIVAL VETS.

FIRST VET. (CH-PL-N).—"HE'D BE ALL RIGHT IF HE TOOK A DOSE OF 'BIMETALLISM.'"

SECOND VET. (L-WTH-R).—"NO! NO! GIVE HIM MY PHYSIC—'PROTECTION.'"

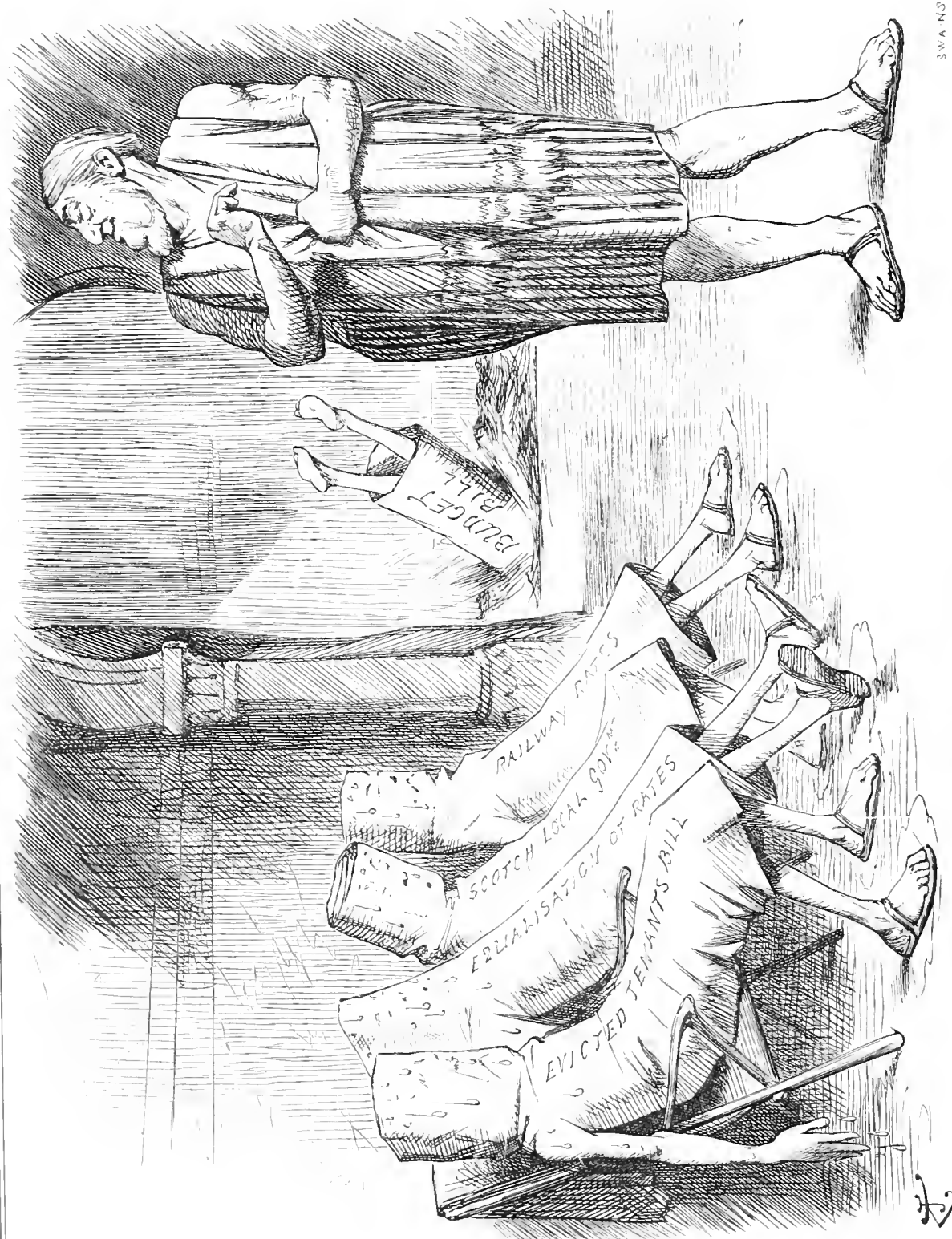
* * * A Royal Commission had been appointed to inquire into the causes of the existing agricultural depression, and many remedies, including Bimetallism and moderate Protection, were proposed.



“ VIVE LA RÉPUBLIQUE ! ”

“ THE TEAR THAT BRIMMETH, BLINDETH NOT HER EYE,
 SO FIXED ALOFT IT LOWERETH NOT TO GREET
 THE WRITHING REPTILE BRUISED BY HER UNFALTERING FEET ! ”

* * A stringent anti-Anarchist Bill had been passed by the French Chamber after the assassination at Lyons of President Carnot.

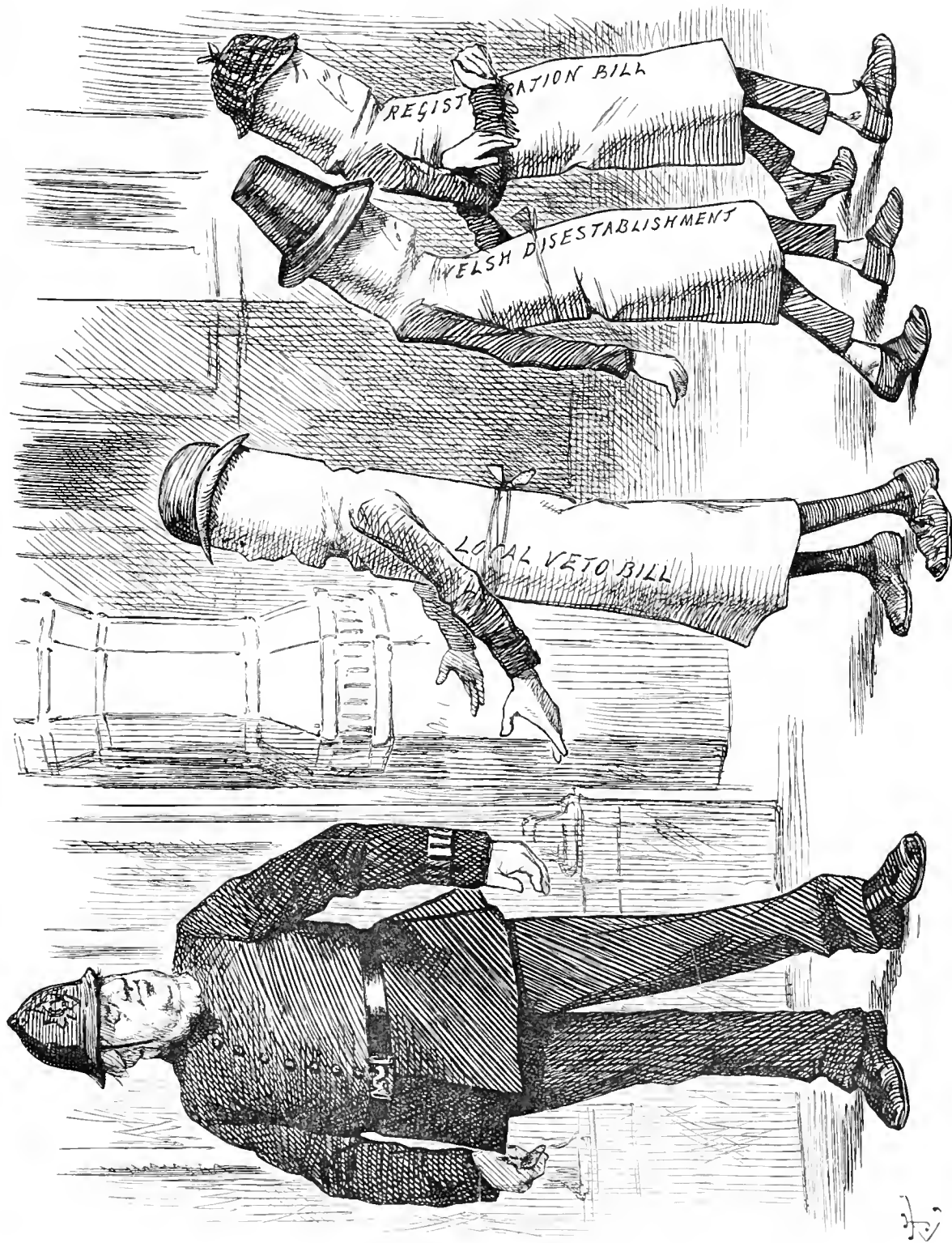


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WAITING THEIR TURN.

(IN THE HOT ROOM, ST. STEPHEN'S BATHS, WESTMINSTER.)
CHIEF ATTENDANT HURRY UP (to himself).—"WHICH SHALL I TAKE NEXT!"

... The Budget Bill having passed through the House of Commons, it remained for Sir William Harcourt to decide on the course to be pursued with respect to other pressing business.



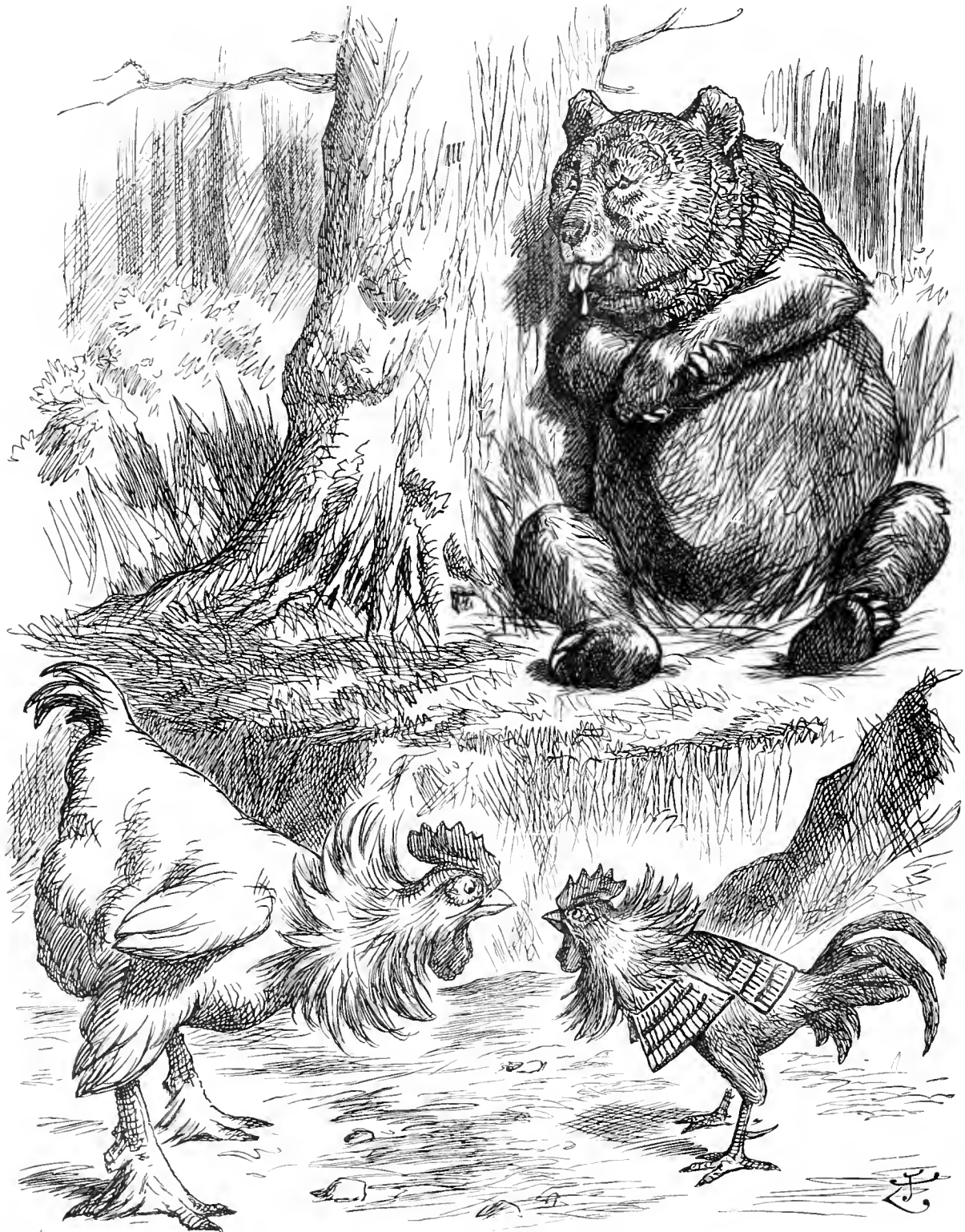
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“ EVICTED TENANTS ”

LOCAL VETO BILL.—“ ARE WE TO HAVE NO ‘ COMPENSATION FOR DISFRANCHISEMENT ’ ? ”
 H. R. F.—“ YOU’LL SEE ! — RE-INSTATEMENT ! — NEXT SESSION ! ! ”

“ * ” It had been found impracticable to proceed with the Local Veto and Registration Bills, but future legislation was promised. The dropping of the Local Veto Bill had given great dissatisfaction to the Advocates of Temperance.

[Excerpt Bills, distasteful.]



THE COREAN COCK-FIGHT.

BRUIN.—“ HA !—WHICHEVER WINS, I SEE MY WAY TO A DINNER ! ”

. Extensive reforms in Corea had been demanded by Japan and opposed by China, the latter power claiming suzerainty over Corea. The dispute resulted in a declaration of war.



"PUTTING HIS FOOT IN IT."

. The House of Lords summarily dealt with the Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Bill, which was thrown out by 249 votes to 30.



COUNTING THE CATCH.

ROSEBERY.—"NOT SUCH A BAD DAY AFTER ALL!"

HARCOURT.—"NO! WISH YOU'D LANDED THOSE OTHERS ALL THE SAME!"

. The Cartoon depicts the net result of the Session just ended, practically a continuation of that of 1893. The two most important Bills—the Evicted Tenants and Home Rule—had been rejected by the House of Lords.



“ROOM FOR A BIG ONE!”

CRONWELL.—“NOW THEN, YOUR MAJESTIES, I HOPE I DON’T INTRUDE!”

* The First Commissioner of Works informed the House of Commons that Sir William Harecourt had promised to make the necessary provision in the ensuing estimates for the erection of a statue of Oliver Cromwell.

Lindley A. Beckett.



“ WIGS ON THE GREEN ! ”

OR, THE FRIENDS OF UNITED IRELAND (?).

*. * The meetings of the Irish Party led by Mr. Justin McCarthy were frequently the scene of violent quarrels between Messrs. Healy, O'Brien and Redmond.



A LITTLE FLIRTATION.

MR. G.—“YES, MISS, I ENTIRELY AGREE WITH YOU. ‘LOCAL OPTION’ IS—IS—UM—MORE OR LESS OF AN IMPOSTURE.”
 MISS HARCOURT *horrified, appearing in the doorway*.—“OH! MR. G.! MR. G.!!”

. Mr. Gladstone, in a letter to the Bishop of Chester, said that “Local Option, if pretending to the honour of a remedy, was little better than an imposture.” Mr. Chamberlain is the barmaid depicted in the cartoon.



JAP THE GIANT-KILLER.

* * In the war arising out of the Korean dispute between China and Japan, the Japanese forces gained easy victories, both on land and sea.



“FOR EXAMPLE!”

JOE CHAMBERLAIN.—“I SHOULD RECONSTRUCT THE HOUSE OF LORDS ACCORDING TO SOME ELECTIVE AND NON-HEREDITARY PLAN—”

“Mr. Chamberlain, at Leeds, said that he was ready to view with favour any reasonable proposal which would bring the House of Lords into closer touch with popular sentiment.”



“VESTED INTERESTS.”

HOUSE OF LORDS CHARWOMAN.—“WELL ! THEM ROGE BERRIES, AND 'ERBERT GLADSTINGS, AND HASKWIDGES, AND THE REST ON 'EM MAY TORK—AND THEY MAY TORK—BUT THEY H'AIN'T TURNED *HUS* OUT YET !!”

* * * THE House of Lords still survived in spite of the repeated attacks made upon it, both in the House of Commons and by its own Members.



“ WINDING 'EM UP.”

SHOWMAN JOE.—“ LADIES AND GEN'L'MEN, 'IS GRACE THE DOOR WILL SHORTLY BEGIN TO SHOW SIGNS OF HANIMATION—
HAFTER WHICH, WITH YOUR KIND PERMISSION, I WILL PERCEED TO TAKE A TURN AT THE MARKIS ! ”

* * Mr. Chamberlain, in a speech at Durham, said that the Liberal Unionists would not succeed in defeating the policy of Home Rule
if they accepted the mere negative position suggested to them by their leaders.

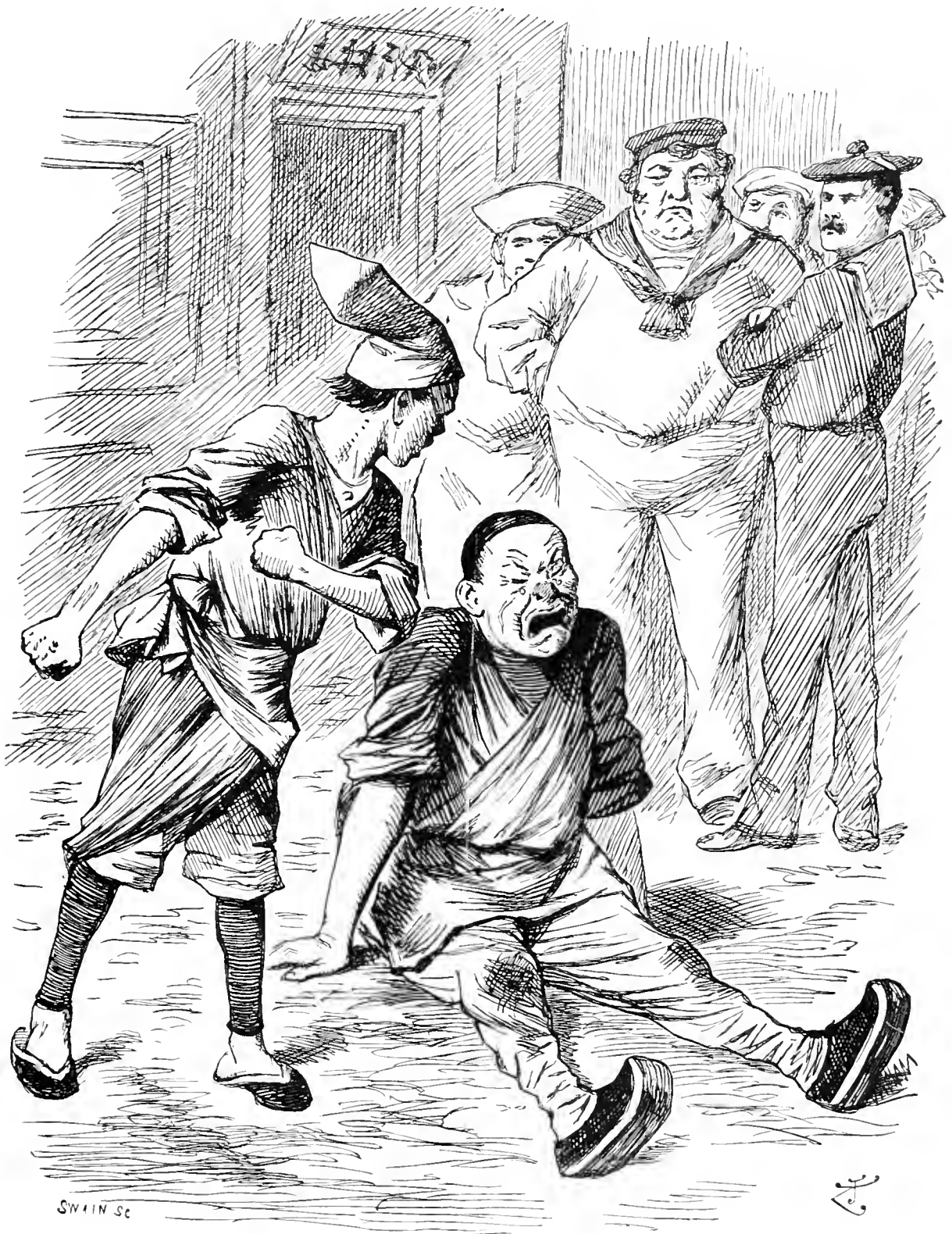


“AN AWKWARD” CUSTOMER.”

GAMEKEEPER S-L-S-B-RY.—“HALLO! YOUNG FELLOW! POACHING?”

THE “YOUNG FELLOW” R-S-B-RY.—“IF I AM POACHING, I’M ON MY OWN PRESERVES.”

. Lord Rosebery, in a speech at Bradford, had attacked the House of Lords, and insisted on the necessity that existed for reforming its constitution.



A TOUCHING APPEAL.

JOHNNY CHINAMAN.—“BOO—HOO ! HE HURTEE ME WELLY MUCH ! NO PEACEY MAN COME STOPPY HIM !”

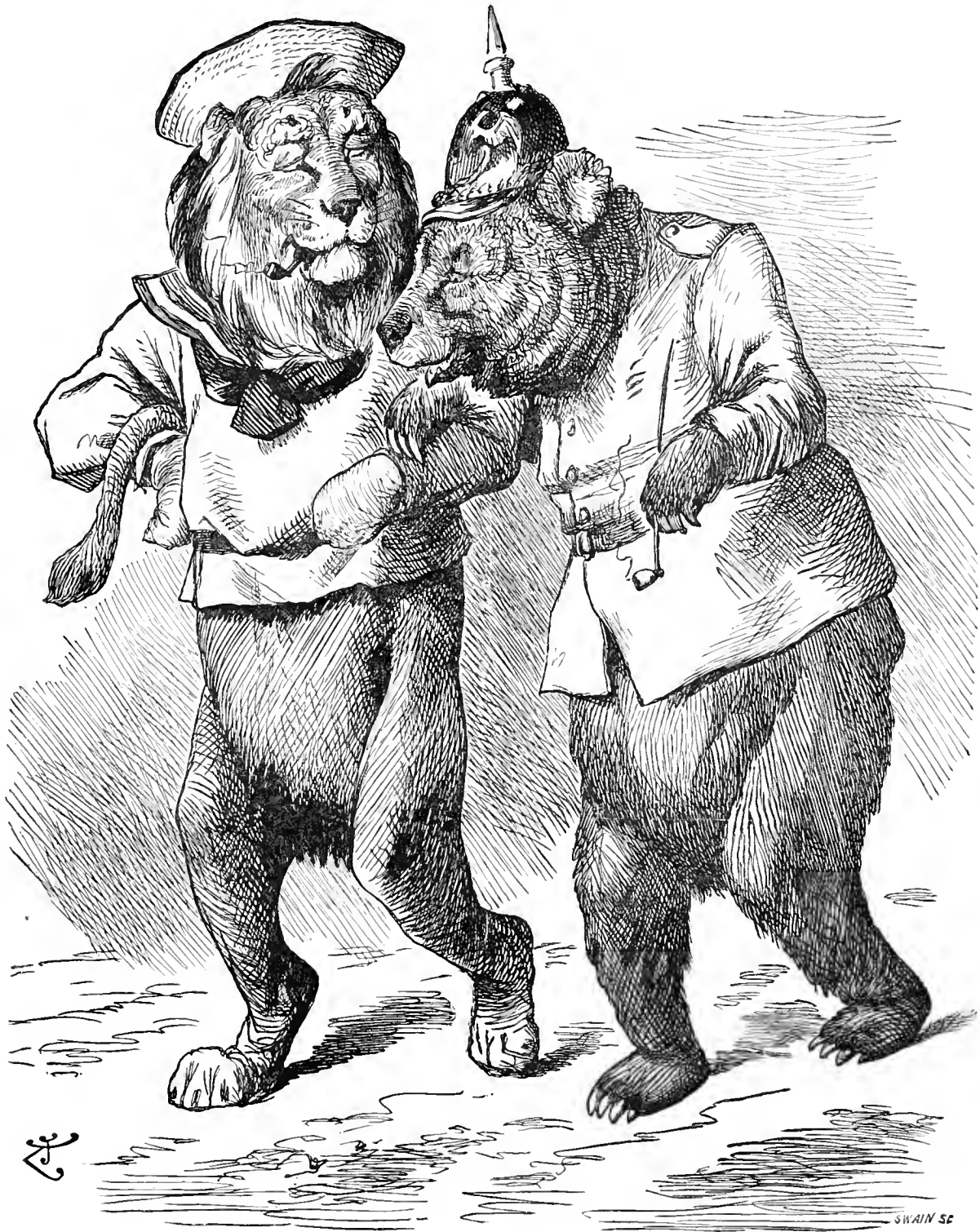
. Prince Kung, the Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs, had acknowledged the defeat of China in the War with Japan over the Korean question, and requested foreign intervention.



“NOBODY LOOKING!”

FRENCH WOLF (*to himself*).—“AHA! THE SHEEP-DOGS ARE ASLEEP! I SHALL EAT YOU, MY LITTLE DEAR!”

* * A diplomatic rupture had occurred between the Hova Government and France, which country already exercised a protectorate over the island. “Madagascar,” said M. Hanotaux, “will become a flourishing French Colony. Our freedom of action is complete. There can be no foreign interference.”



“ALL’S WELL!”

BRITISH LION AND RUSSIAN BEAR (*together*).—“WHAT A PITY WE DIDN’T KNOW EACH OTHER BEFORE!”

* * The Russian Press at this time suggested that an Anglo-Russian understanding would be of great advantage to the two nations.



“ THE JUDGMENT OF ‘ PARISH. ’ ”

HODGE (*meditatively*). — “GROGER-CHAF, PASSON, AND VARMER, EACH ON ‘EM WANTIN’ TH’ APPLE. WELL, — I DUNNO AS I WON’T HAVE A BITE AT IT MYSELF !”

.* The first election, under the Local Government Act, of members to serve on the Parish Councils had just taken place. Lord Ripon, in a speech at Newbury, advised parishes to elect an agricultural labourer if no eligible landowner could be found.

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“ SHAKY ! ”

THE McROSEBERY.—“ EH—BUT I’D LIKE FINE TO BE WELL OVER THIS ‘ BRIGG ’ ! ”

*. * The Conservatives were successful at the bye-elections in Forfarshire and Brigg, and the Liberal tide appeared to be on the ebb.



“LYING LAW.”

“LITTLE BOY BLUE, COME BLOW UP YOUR HORN
THE SHEEP’S IN THE MEADOW, THE COW’S IN THE CORN.”

WHERE IS THE BOY WHO LOOKS AFTER THE SHEEP?
HE’S UNDER THE HAYCOCK, EAST ASLEEP (?)”

* * It was rumoured that Sir William Harcourt, despite the late Liberal reverses at the bye-elections, was spending the recess quietly at Malwood.



“WHO SAID—‘ATROCITIES’?”

(AFTER THE POPULAR ENGRAVING.)

“OLD AS I AM, MY FEELINGS HAVE NOT BEEN DEADENED IN REGARD TO MATTERS OF SUCH A DREADFUL DESCRIPTION.”—*Mr. Gladstone's Birthday Speech at Hawarden on the Armenian Atrocities.*

* * Mr. Gladstone expressed his strong indignation at the atrocities committed in Armenia, which had profoundly shocked the mind of the country.



THE SWORD EXCALIBUR.

(SCENE FROM "KING ARTHUR" UP TO DATE.)

SIR BEDIVERE M-EL-Y (*timidly, but politely*).—"SHALL I THROW THE SWORD INTO THE MERE?"

KING ARTHUR (SIR W. V. H-RC-URT—*disdainfully*).—"THROW THE SWORD INTO THE MERE!" WHY, I HAVEN'T LOST THE SCABBARD YET, STOOFID!"

. Although the Government was in a critical position it still clung to office. Rumours were afloat of a coming Dissolution.



THE UNTAMED SHREW: OR, WANTED A PETRUCHIO.

"HER ONLY FAULT (AND THAT IS FAULTS ENOUGH)
IS, THAT SHE IS INTOLERABLY CURST,
AND SHREW, AND FROWARD."—*Taming of the Shrew, Act I., Scene 2.*

* * M. Casimir-Perier President of the French Republic, had resigned on account of the universal opposition to law and order, and the "campaign of slander and insult" to which he was subjected. He was succeeded by M. Felix Faure.



“ MEAT ! MEAT ! ”

H-RO-URT.—“ NOW LOOK 'ERE—YOU JUST WAIT YOUR TURNS—OR YOU 'LL NONE OF YOU GET NOTHINK ! ”

*. * At the opening of the Session the Government presented a heavy legislative programme. Of the many important measures claiming attention special prominence was given to Welsh Disestablishment.



“THE LIGHT FANTASTIC!”

THE GREAT SAGACIOUS ELEPHANT “SIR BILL” IN HIS “THRILLING ACT”

“After prolonged debate and numberless amendments, on one of which the Government narrowly escaped defeat, Sir William Harcourt succeeded in passing the Address by a small majority.”



THE LEARNED WELSH GOAT.

DAME AP-ASQ-TH.—“NOW, TAFFY, WHAT’S THE NEXT LETTER?”

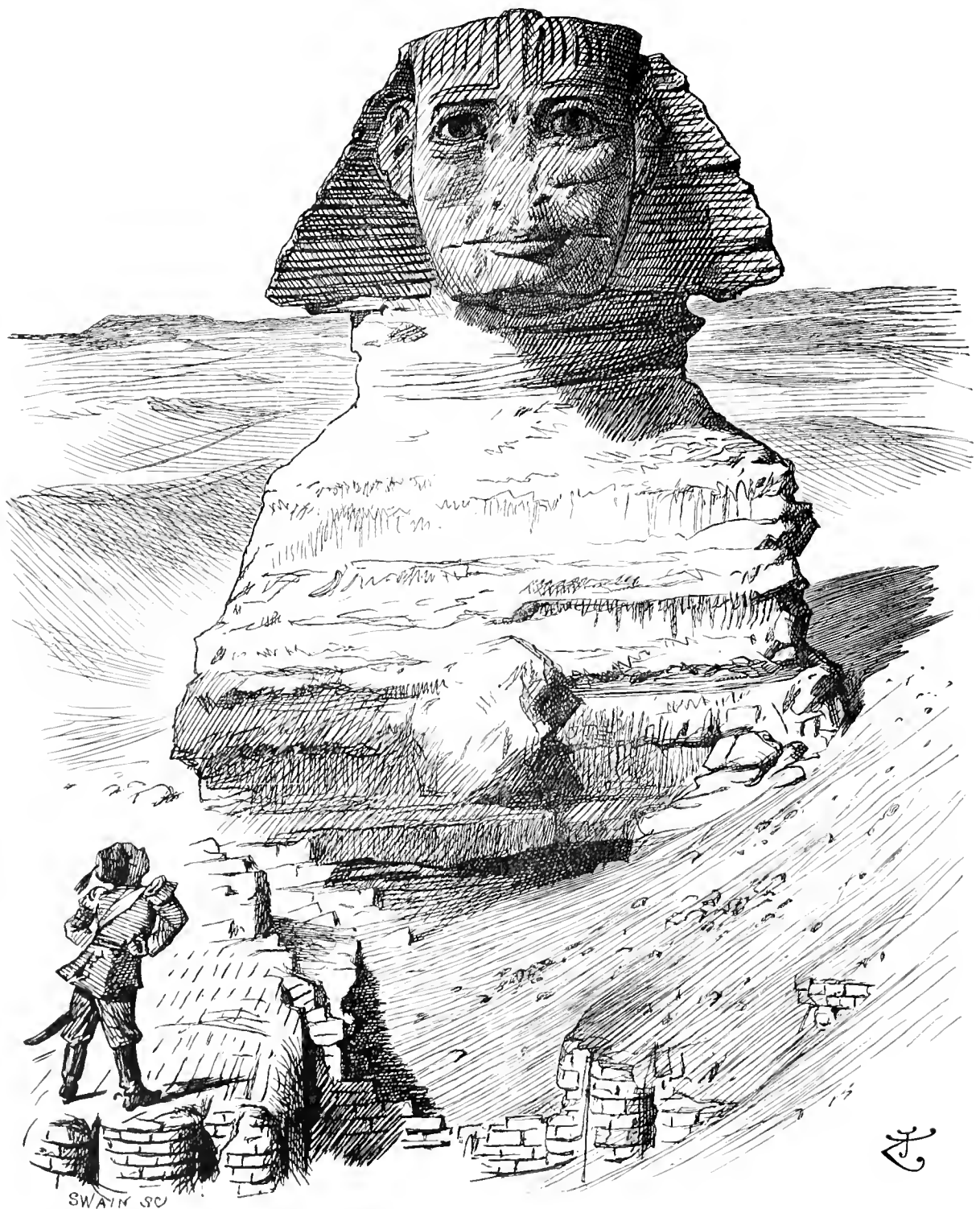
. Mr. Asquith, the Home Secretary, introduced a Bill for the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church in Wales.



"WHITTINGTON REDIVIVUS."

THE NEW PROGRESSIVE DICK W—"WHAT ARE THE BELLS SAYING, PUSSY? 'TURN AGAIN, WHITTINGTON, LORD MAYOR OF LONDON,'—OR IS IT 'TURN OUT'?"

. Drastic changes were recommended by the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the possible unification of the administration of London. The London County Council elections resulted in an equal division of parties—59 Progressives and 59 Moderates.



SILENT!

LITTLE KHEDEVE.—“TELL ME, GREAT SPHINX—IS EGYPT FOR THE EGYPTIANS?”

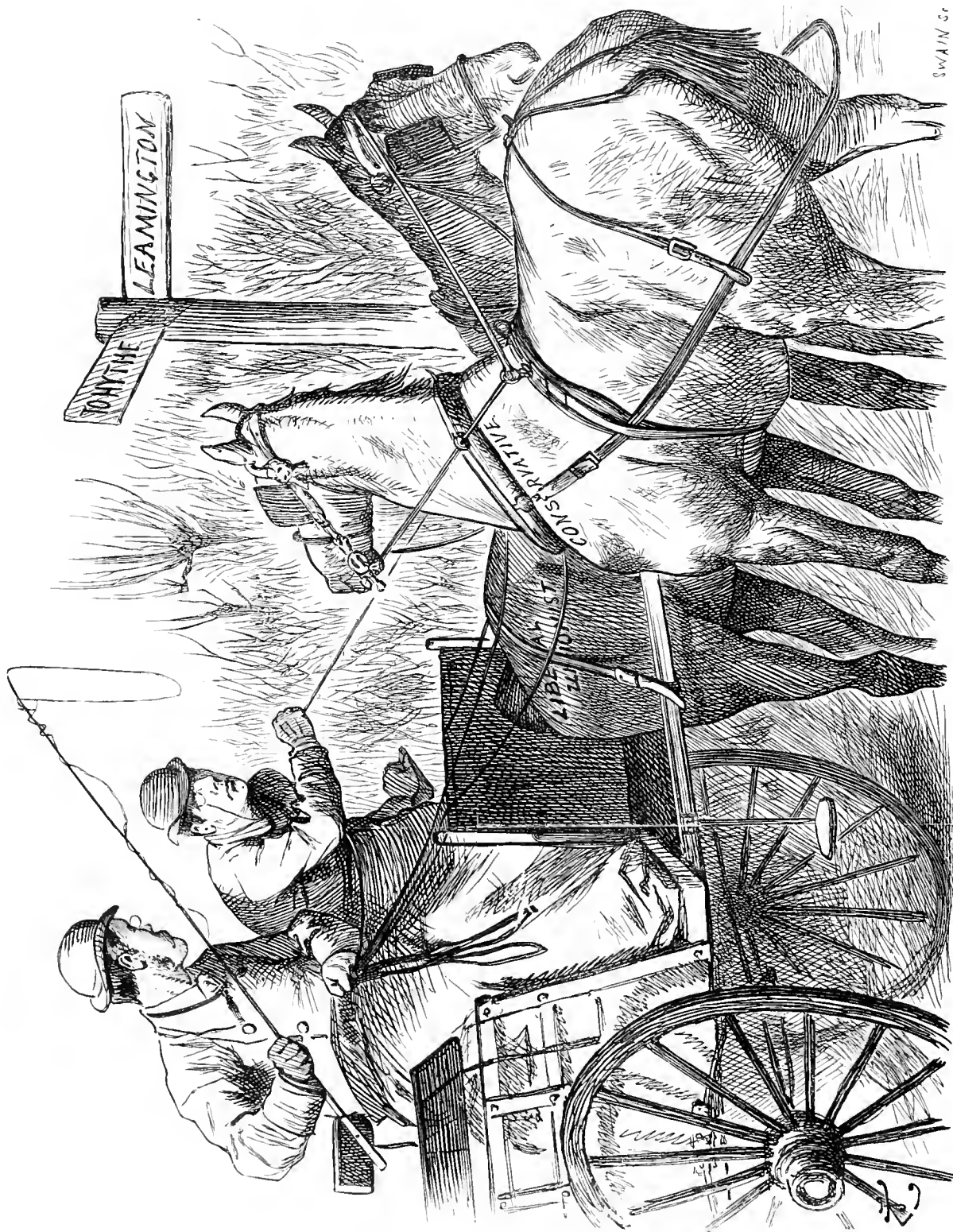
*. The British occupation of Egypt still continued, the Egyptian Government being powerless to suppress outrages on Europeans in Alexandria.



QUARTER-DAY; OR, DEMAND AND NO SUPPLY.

RATEPAYER. — "WHAT'S THIS FOR? WATER! WHY I HAVEN'T HAD ANY!"

... Little was done by the water monopolies to remedy the great inconvenience caused by the scarcity of water through the severe frost, and much irritation existed in consequence. The acquisition of the metropolitan water companies by the London County Council was mooted.



“ QUOUSQUE TANDEM ? ” OR, ONE AT A TIME.

ARTHUR B-L-F-R (driver, to officious friend, JOE CH-M-B-L-L-N).—“ LOOK HERE ! WE SHALL NEVER GET ON LIKE THIS ! AM I DRIVING OR ARE YOU ? ”

*. * A bye-election was imminent at Leamington in consequence of the resignation of the Speaker, the Rt. Hon. Arthur Wellesley Peel. Great tact and judgment were required on the part of Mr. Balfour in guiding the two parties.



AN EASTER 'OLIDAY.

DUET (ARHCOURT AND HARTHUR SING WHILE BEING JOLTED).

"LA-A-ZI-LY, LA-A-ZI-LY ! DROW-OW-OW-SILY, DROW-OW-OW-SILY ! " &c.

. The House of Commons had adjourned for the Easter vacation. Both leaders were glad of repose after the exciting debates on the Welsh Disestablishment and Irish Land Bills.



THE JAP IN THE CHINA SHOP.

MASTER OF THE SITUATION (*log*).—"NOW THEN, YOU FIG-HEADED OLD POTTAI, OPEN YOUR SHOP—AND HAND ME THE KEYS!"

* * China had been utterly defeated in the war with Japan over the Korean dispute. In the Treaty of Peace concluded between the two countries it was stipulated that more ports in China should be opened to commerce.



THE BIRMINGHAM BENEDICK.

MR. J-S-PH CH MB-RL-N (or "BENEDICK").—"DOETH NOT THE APPETITE CHANGE? A MAN LOVES THE MEAT IN HIS YOUTH THAT HE CANNOT ENURE IN HIS AGE. . . . WHEN I SAID I WOULD DIE AN INDEPENDENT RADICAL, I DID NOT THINK I SHOULD LIVE TO BE ALLIED WITH A TORY PARTY."—*Much Ado About Nothing*, Act II., Sc. 3 (slightly "modified").

*. Since Mr. Chamberlain had become leader of the Liberal Unionists the strong views which he had previously held on many subjects had undergone considerable modification.



“GREAT CRY AND LITTLE WOOL-MER!”

BATHING WOMAN.—“COME ALONG, MASTER SELBORNE, AND TAKE YOUR DIP LIKE A LITTLE NOBLEMAN!”

* * Viscount Wolmer, M.P. for West Edinburgh, having become Earl of Selborne by the death of his father, claimed to retain his seat in the House of Commons, but ultimately withdrew, and a new writ was issued.



Henry Irving.

“WHAT A KNIGHT WE’RE HAVING!”

DAVID GARRICK.—“CONGRATULATE YOU, SIR HENRY! IN THE NAME OF THE PROFESSION! ‘MAY YOU LIVE LONG, AND PROSPER!’”

* * Henry Irving, the distinguished actor, had received the honour of knighthood.



“ DEEDS—NOT WORDS ! ”

JOHN BULL.—“ LOOK HERE,—WE’VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR PALAVER ! ARE YOU GOING TO LET THE GIRL GO, OR HAVE WE GOT TO MAKE YOU ? ”

* * Great indignation had been aroused on account of the atrocities committed in Armenia by the Turkish soldiery, and a scheme of reform drawn up by the British, French and Russian ambassadors was presented to the Sultan.



“ HONEY. MY HONEY ! ”

CHINAMAN.—“ MUCH OBLIGED TO YOU FOR THIS LITTLE ADVANCE ; BUT I’M AFRAID I SHALL WANT SOME MORE SOON.”
 BEAR (*aside*).—“ SO SHALL I ! A GOOD DEAL MORE—FROM YOU.” [Hums “ Oh honey, my honey ! ”]

*. * Russia had guaranteed a loan of £16,000,000 to China



“WILLIAM! AHOY!”

OPEN-MINDED WILLIAM (*having come ashore from “The Stormy Petrel.”*).—“AVAST THERE, MESSMATES! THE STATESMAN WHO WOULD LAY HIS HANDS ON A STEEPLE-HATTED FEMALE IN DISTRESS,—*SAVE IN THE WAY OF KE-INDNESS,*” [The “Messmates” “avast” accordingly. &c., &c.]

* * The Welsh Disestablishment Bill having been warmly discussed in the Commons, Mr. Gladstone had withdrawn his pair with Mr. Villiers in order to “keep an open mind” on the question.



"ARE YOU READY?"

(S-L-SB-RY AND R-S-B-RY STARTING THE BICYCLIST COMPETITORS B-LF-R AND H-RC-RT.)

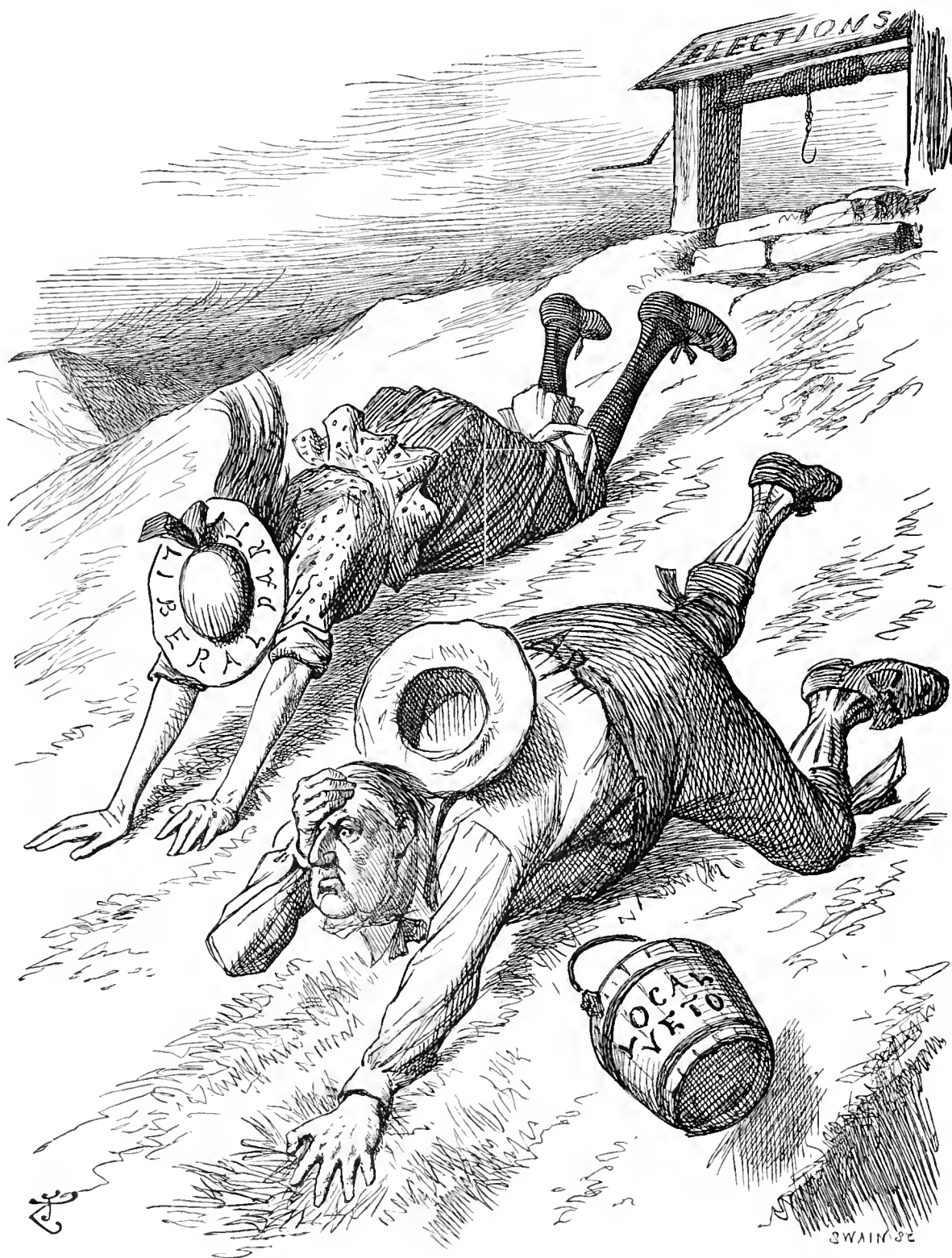
. Lord Rosebery's Administration having been defeated on a question of Cordite, had resigned, and Lord Salisbury became Prime Minister. Parliament was at once dissolved, and a General Election ensued.



OLD WARDER WILLIAM.

THE VETERAN (*loquitor*).—"DEAR ME! WHAT HAS BECOME OF HARCOURT!"

* * * After Sir William Harcourt's defeat at Derby he was elected for West Monmouthshire, the Radical candidate having retired in his favour.



THE SPILL!

JACK AND JILL WENT UP THE HILL
TO FETCH A PAIL OF WATER,

JACK FELL DOWN AND BROKE HIS CROWN,
AND JILL CAME TUMBLING AFTER.

. At the General Election the Conservatives obtained a majority considerably enhanced by a compact body of Liberal Unionists. The Local Veto Bill was thought to be responsible for Sir William Harcourt's "spill" at Derby.



THE NEW KEEPERS.

SQUIRE BULL (to S-L-S-B-R-Y and C-H-M-B-E-R-L-A-I-N).—"WELL, MY MEN—NOW I'VE TAKEN YOU ON, I SHALL EXPECT BIGGER BAGS THAN I'VE HAD LATELY."

. In Lord Salisbury's Third Administration Mr. Chamberlain became Secretary of State for the Colonies.



“THE SOONER THE BETTER.”

FIRST PORTER (A. J. B.).—“COME MATE! PUT YOUR BACK INTO IT—WE’VE GOT TO SHUNT *THIS* BEFORE WE CAN GO OFF DUTY!”

* * * When the new Parliament assembled only formal business, principally supply, was proceeded with.



“ CALM AND PEACE.”

LORD S-L-SB-RY (*Skipper*).—“ WELL, ARTHUR, WE’VE WON OUR RACES—AND NOW WE CAN TAKE IT EASY !”

* * Mr. Balfour, in a recently delivered speech, said he hoped for a period of calm and peace.



THE EMPTY CUPBOARD.

OLD MOTHER HUBBARD SHE WENT TO THE CUPBOARD
TO GET HER POOR DOG A BONE,

WHEN SHE GOT THERE THE CUPBOARD WAS BARE,
AND SO THE POOR DOG HAD NONE.

. Mr. Chaplin, the President of the Local Government Board, speaking in the House of Commons, said it was not possible to prepare and produce measures for the relief of agriculture during the present Session.



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“ BUNG ” IN AFRICA.

RIGHT HON. J. CHAMBERLAIN (to KING KHAMA).—“ ‘LOCAL VETO’ FOR BECHUANALAND? H’M!—A RATHER TICKLISH BUSINESS! UPSET A GOVERNMENT HERE THE OTHER DAY!”

* * * The Colonial Secretary granted an interview to Khama and other Bechuana chiefs then in England. Khama asked for England’s help in his efforts to absolutely exclude intoxicants from his territories.



VIVA ITALIA !

BRITANNIA (to ITALIA).—"HEARTILY I WISH YOU WELL! BE 'LESS VISIONARY,' AND 'MORE PRACTICAL'!"

. Italy was burdened with an enormous National Debt, owing to the desire to possess a powerful army and navy. But as the people objected to taxation, the annual deficit was constantly on the increase.



“GOLDEN GRAIN.”

SIR M-CH-L H-CK-S-B-CH, *Chancellor of the Exchequer (Reaper)*.—“FIRST-RATE HARVEST, EH?”

SIR W-LL-M H-RC-RT.—“YES; AND HOW YOU PITCHED INTO ME WHEN I SOWED IT!”

. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was reaping the benefit of the prudent forecast of his predecessor. The public revenue was showing a large increase.



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“GOOD DOG!”

LORD S-I-SE-RY.—“VERY USEFUL DOG THIS—I MAY WANT HIM AGAIN!”

“THE UNSPEAKABLE” (over the wall—aside).—“OH, LOR!”

*. An ultimatum had been presented to China by the British Government as a protest against the murder of missionaries. The Sultan feared the adoption of a similar course in the Armenian question.



RESCUE!

BLUEBEARD . . . TURKEY. FATIMA . . . ARMENIA. THE THREE BROTHERS . . . ENGLAND, RUSSIA, FRANCE.
 . . . A Joint Note was presented to the Sultan by the Ambassadors of Great Britain, France and Russia to hasten the promised reforms in Armenia



A THIN DISGUISE.

"THE RUSSIAN BEAR" (in Chinese costume, only more like himself than ever, slyly chuckles as he crosses Manchuria).—"AHA! THEY WON'T KNOW ME NOW!"

* * * The Russians, in spite of their friendly assurances, were looked upon with suspicion by the Manchus.

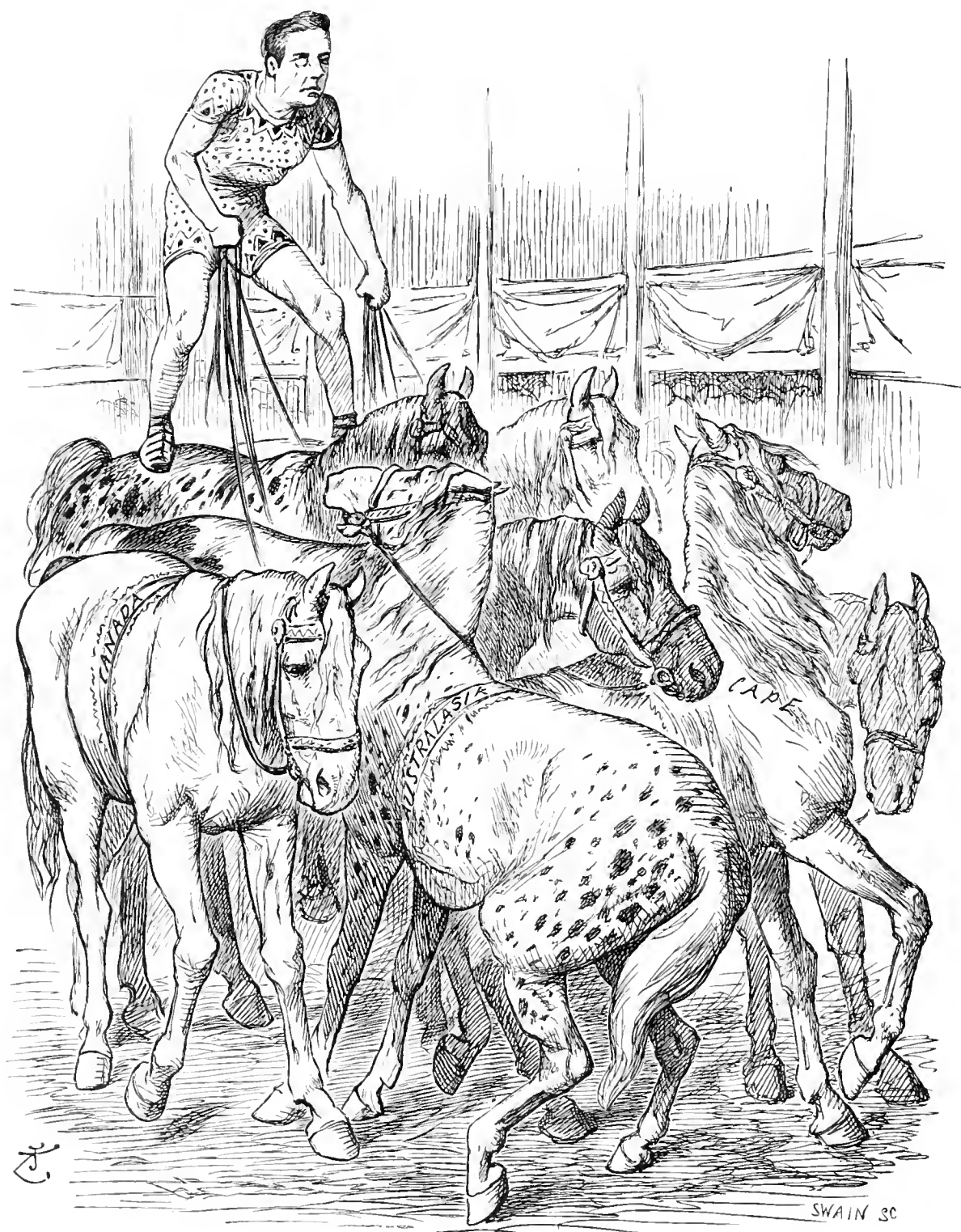


A SIMPLE DEFINITION.

MASTER JOHNNY BULL.—“MONROE DOCTRINE! WHAT IS THE ‘MONROE DOCTRINE’?”

MASTER JONATHAN.—“WA-AL—GUESS IT’S THAT EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE BE-LONGS TO US!”

* * The Monroe Doctrine prohibited the interference of European Powers with independent States in North or South America. At this time there was a dispute concerning the boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela.



TAKING THE REINS.

"* Mr. Chamberlain visited the Colonial Office on his return from the Continent, and subsequently had a consultation with Lord Salisbury.



THE IMPERIAL ART SALESMAN; OR, PENNY PLAIN AND TWOPENCE COLOURED.

H.I.H. EMP-R-R OF G-ERM-NY (*arbi et orbi*).—"TO POSSESS A COPY OF THIS WORK MUST BE THE DESIRE OF EVERYONE. IT WILL BE A SPLENDID, SIGNIFICANT ORNAMENT FOR EVERY HOUSE, FOR YOUR ROOM, FOR YOUR FIRESTOVES. THE PRICE PLACES IT WITHIN THE REACH OF EVERYONE'S POCKET—SIX MARKS ON WHITE PAPER, AND NINE MARKS ON CHINESE. REDUCTION ON TAKING A QUANTITY. GOING! GOING!!"

. The German Emperor, amidst his multifarious occupations, found time to turn his attention to art.



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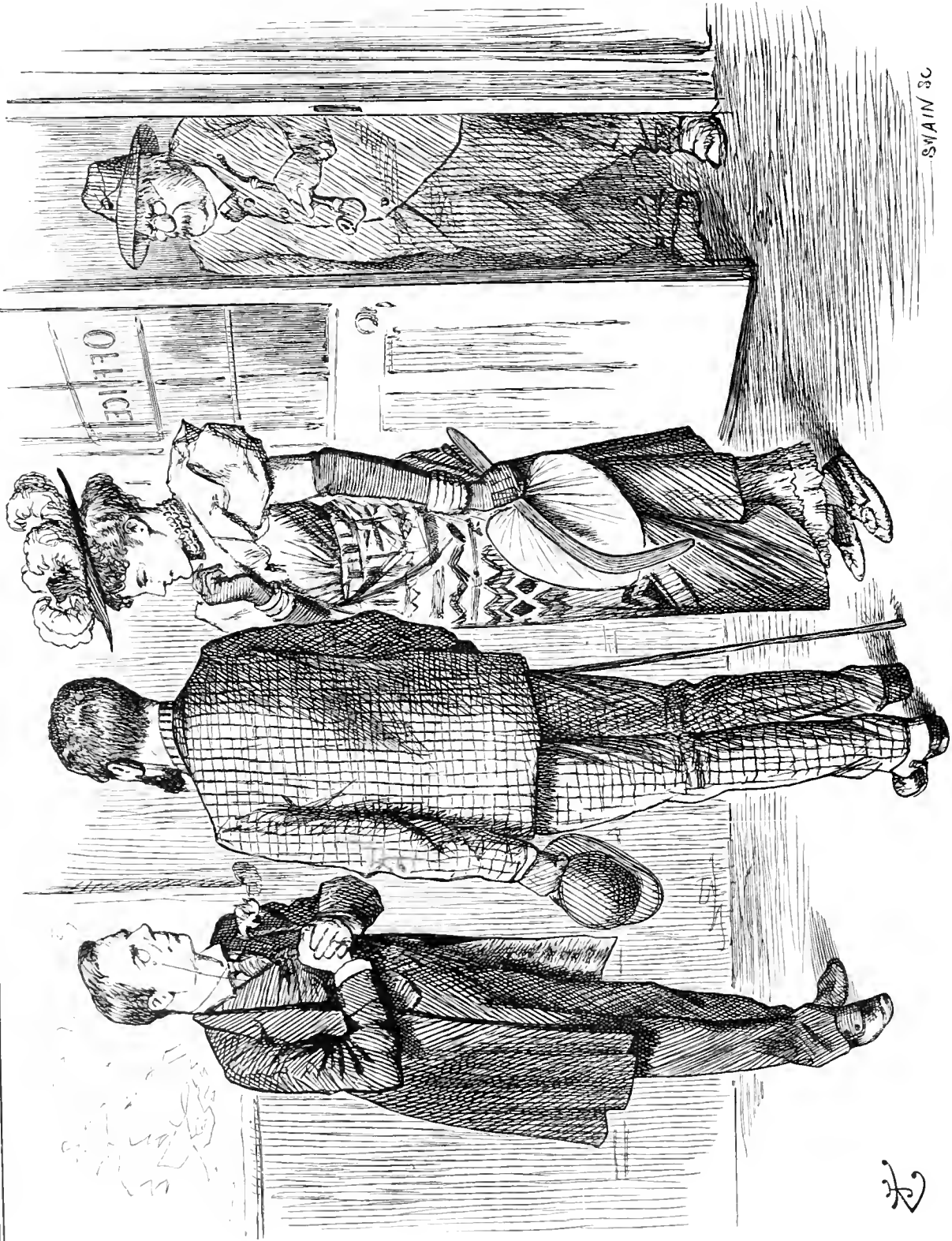
BRITANNIA to LORD WILLY, "the man who has been there".—"YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT THE BUSINESS, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. BUT THIS TIME I EXPECT SOMETHING MORE THAN AN UMBRELLA."

. An ultimatum had been sent to King Prempeh, who was disregarding the existing Treaties and bidding defiance to Great Britain.



A POPULAR WHEEL TAX.

TONY (introducing deputation to the Chancellor of the Exchequer).—"IF YOU PLEASE, SIR, WE ARE ALL TAXED. WHY SHOULD HE BE LET OFF?" *(Vide Public Papers.)*
 SIR M. CHURCHILL (most politely).—"THE QUESTION SHALL RECEIVE MY EARNEST CONSIDERATION." *(The deputation then withdrew.)*
 * * * The cycling manufacture was rapidly developing into one of the chief industries of the country, and "Mr. Punch" indorsed the general opinion that it was a fair subject for taxation.



THE COLONIAL MATRIMONIAL AGENT.

MR. J. S. PHILIPSON (Manager).—"MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—IF YOU WILL ONLY LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU BOTH WANT, I WILL SEE WHAT I CAN DO FOR YOU!"

* * In a despatch to Colonial Governors Mr. Chamberlain said he desired to secure for British producers and manufacturers as large a share as possible of the mutual trade of the United Kingdom and Colonies.



A FREE HAND.

"THE UNSPEAKABLE TURK" (to himself).—"HA! HA! THERE'S NO ONE ABOUT! I CAN GET TO BUSINESS AGAIN!"

* * The Venezuelan boundary dispute, the Jameson Raid and the German Emperor's congratulatory telegram to President Kruger, were the all-absorbing topics in England. It was feared the Sultan would seize the opportunity to commit further outrages in Armenia.



READY !

"COME THE THREE CORNERS OF THE WORLD IN ARMS,
AND WE SHALL SHOCK THEM : NOUGHT SHALL MAKE US RUE,
IF ENGLAND TO ITSELF DO REST BUT TRUE."—*King John, Act V., Scene 7.*

. The outlook was dark in the extreme. Trouble was brewing in the Transvaal as a result of the Jameson Raid, and the United States threatened England with war if she endeavoured to force her proposals on the Venezuelan Government.



“ RAPPROCHEMENT. ”

JOHN BULL (*aside*).—“ SHE’S RATHER AN ATTRACTIVE WOMAN ! ” MADAME LA RÉPUBLIQUE (*aside*).—“ TIENS APRÈS TOUT, IL N’EST PAS SI MAL ! ”

... There were at this time signs of a better understanding between England and France. It was obvious that the slight differences existing between the two nations admitted of easy adjustment.

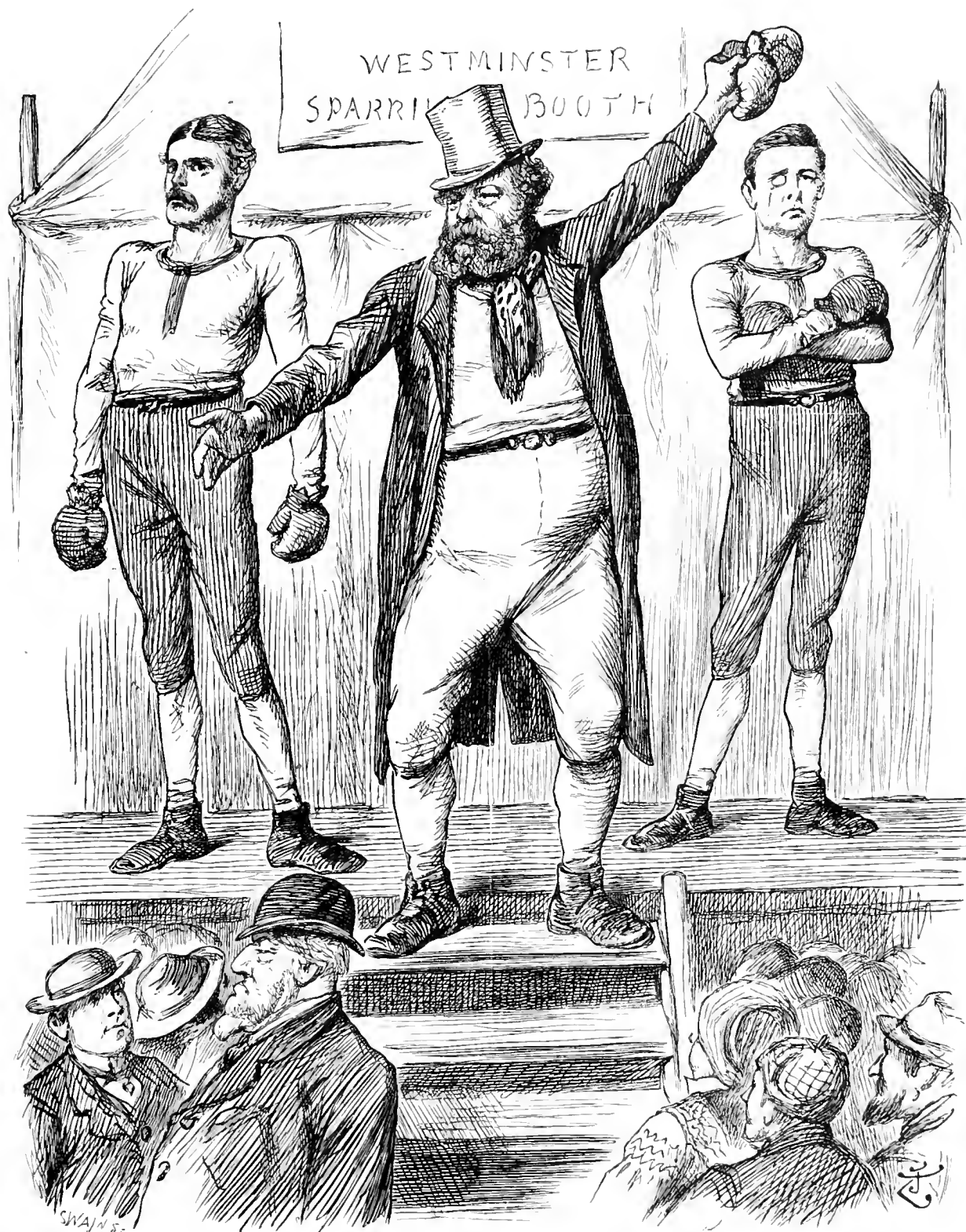


“JONATHAN JINGO!”

SCENE FROM THE PANTOMIME OF “JONATHAN JINGO; OR, HARLEQUIN ARBITRATION AND THE BLISSFUL BOUNDARY.”

CLOWN.—“OH, I SAY! HERE’S A JOOLY OLD GUN. LET’S SEE HOW MUCH IT’LL STAND WITHOUT BUSTIN’!”
PANTALOON.—“DON’T LOAD ‘IM TOO FULL, JOEY!”

.* Senator Davis had moved a resolution in the American Senate to enforce the Monroe Doctrine on the Venezuelan Boundary question, but eventually a commission was appointed to arbitrate on the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela.



"JUST A-GOIN' TO BEGIN!!"

PROFESSOR S-L-S-R-Y (P.P.R.).—"NOW, MY SPORTIN' GENTS, 'ERE'S THE 'ATFIELD PET AND THE BRUMMAGEM BRUISER—WHO'LL HAVE 'EM ON WITH EITHER OF 'EM!"

. At the opening of Parliament the Opposition were confronted by an exceptionally strong Ministry. In the Commons especially Mr. Balfour had a powerful colleague in Mr. Chamberlain.

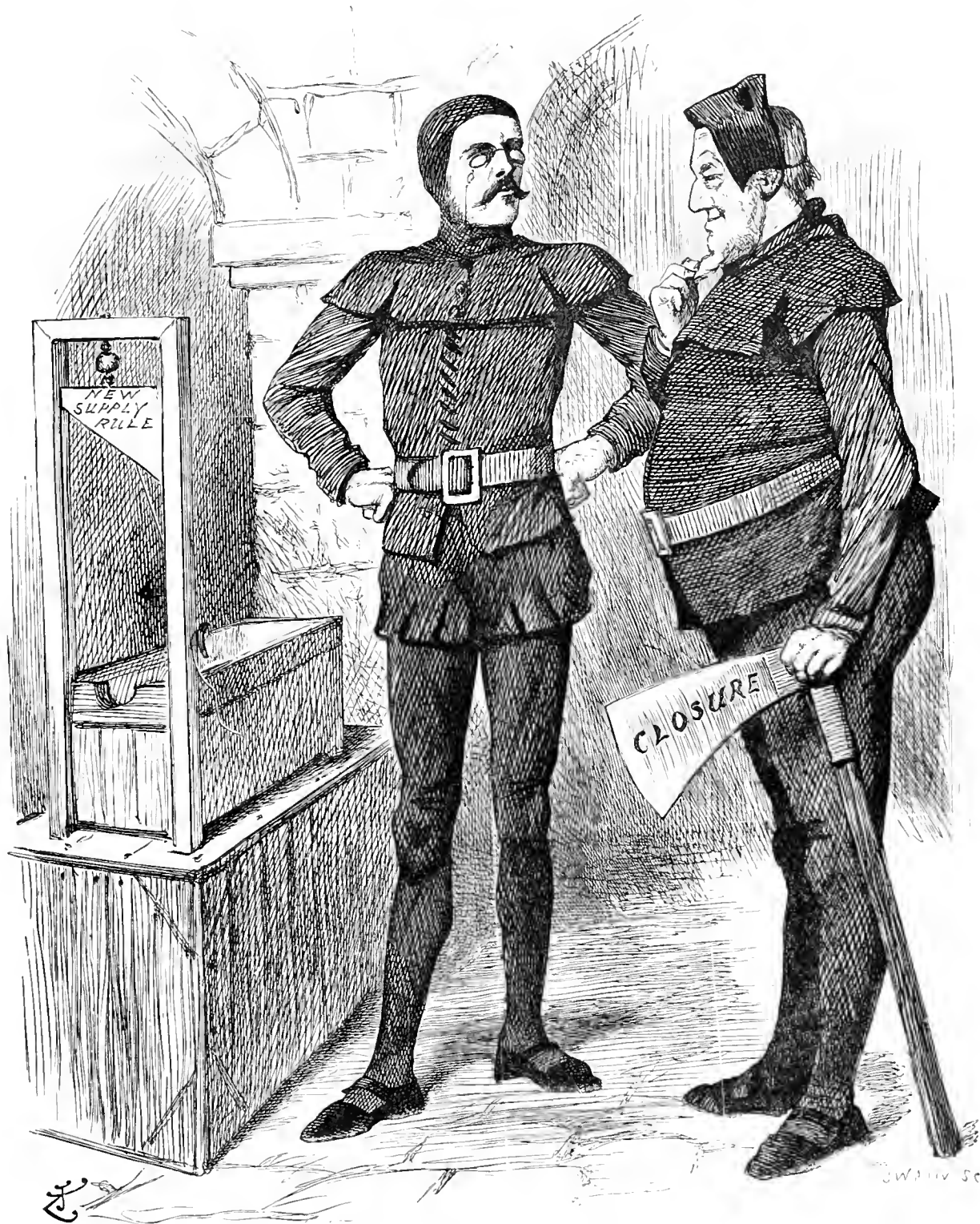


“ MONEY NO OBJECT ! ”

VULCAN.—“ THIS ’LL RUN INTO MONEY, MA-AM ! ”

BRITANNIA.—“ NEVER MIND ABOUT *THAT* AS LONG AS I CONTINUE TO RULE THE WAVES ! ! ”

“ It was generally anticipated that heavy demands would be made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer with the object of increasing the strength of the Navy.”



TWO OF A TRADE.

FIRST HEADSMAN (exhibiting his "Parliamentary Guillotine" invention).—"WELL—WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?"

SECOND HEADSMAN (meditatively).—"UM—YES—I CAN CONCEIVE A SITUATION WHEN IT MIGHT BE EXTREMELY USEFUL!"

* * * Mr. Balfour, after a lengthened debate, succeeded in carrying his New Rules of Procedure. Sir William Harcourt, in the previous Parliament, had freely used the closure.



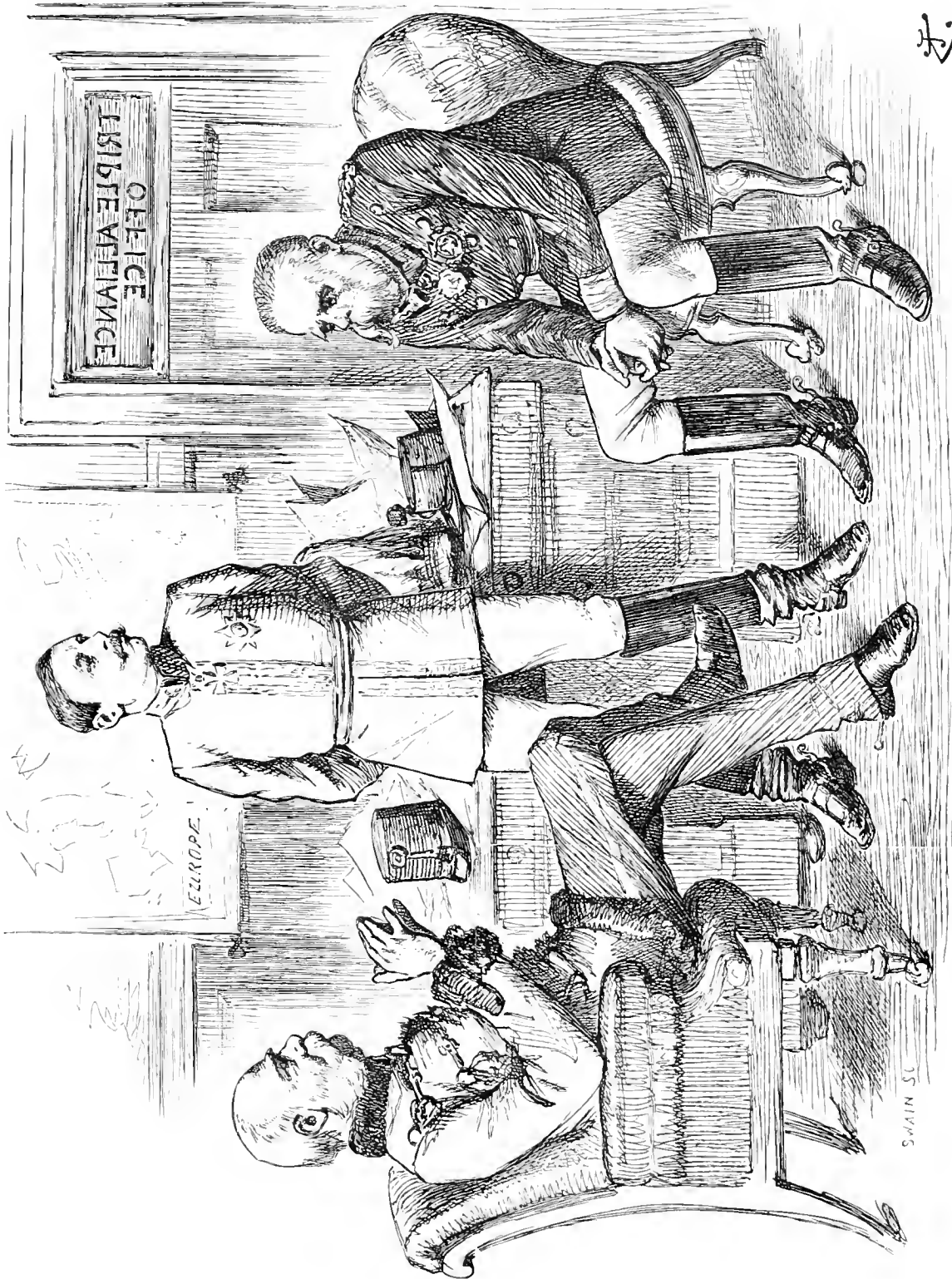
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“WELL MATCHED.”

DOM PALL (to “PUSHFUL JOE”). — “LOOK HERE! — PUSH-STROKE BARRED YOU KNOW!!”

“Great excitement prevailed both in England and the Transvaal as to the possible result of the Jameson Raid, and President Kruger and Mr. Chamberlain were in constant correspondence.



THE JUNIOR PARTNER.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR (*the head of the Firm*).—"LOOK HERE, UMBERTO, ALL WE CAN SAY IS, IF YOU DROP ANY MORE IN 'ABYSSINIANS,' WE MAY HAVE TO DISSOLVE PARTNERSHIP."

* * * The Italian forces had been utterly defeated at Adowa, and were awaiting a favourable moment to withdraw from Abyssinia. Italy had, in consequence, it was reported, fallen in the estimation of Germany and Austria, her partners in the Triple Alliance.



IN THE DESERT!

SHADE OF GENERAL GORDON (to JOHN BULL),—"REMEMBER!"

* * The Dervishes under Osman Digna and other leaders were constantly raiding Egyptian territory, and a British force had been despatched to check their advance and reconquer the territory up to Dongola.



LEFT BEHIND!

OLD PARTY,—“HERE! HI! STO-O-O-O-OP! WHERE DO I COME IN?”

* * * Considerable annoyance was felt, both at the Palace and at the Porte, that Turkey had not been consulted in regard to the Egyptian expedition to Wady Halfa.



THE PATIENT ASS.

THE INCOME-TAXED ONE MURMURED.—“ I DON’T GRUDGE, BUT—I SHOULD LIKE JUST A LITTLE TAKEN OFF.”

* * The Budget having shown a considerable surplus it was hoped that the over-burdened income-tax payer would be relieved by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.



“ONE AT A TIME.”

IRATE IRISH BILL.—“SHURE I’VE BEEN WAITIN’ A DIVIL OF A TIME!”

HAIRDRESSER (MR. A. J. B-L-F-R—*blantly*).—“BEG PARDON, SIR,—THIS GENTLEMAN FIRST!”

EDUCATION BILL (*rather nervous*).—“NOT TOO MUCH OFF, PLEASE!”

* * Sir John Gorst’s Education Bill met with great opposition from the Nonconformist Party, and the amendments proposed were so numerous that it was found impossible to proceed with it. The Irish Land Bill passed.



"A MOTHER OF THREE."

... Mr. Balfour proposed to take the Agricultural Relief Bill, the Education Bill, and the Irish Land Bill in succession. The Education Bill was abandoned in the Committee stage.



JONATHAN'S LATEST.

SHADE OF COLUMBUS (*aside*).—"HAD I FORESEEN IT WOULD HAVE COME TO THIS—CARAMBA!—I WOULD NEVER HAVE DISCOVERED AMERICA!"

. The resolution passed in the United States Senate, recognising the Cuban insurgents and advising the Spanish Government to acknowledge the independence of Cuba, was strongly resented in Spain.



THE KRUGER CAT.

"THE PRESIDENT THROUGHOUT THIS CRISIS HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE NOT UNGENEROUS, AND EMINENTLY SHREWD. TO PLAY FAST AND LOOSE WITH HIS PRINCIPAL CAPTIVES IS NEITHER GENEROUS NOR SHREWD."—*Times*.

. Many of the principal men of the Rand belonging to the Reform Party had been sentenced to imprisonment and heavily fined. The prisoners complained bitterly of the insanitary condition of the gaols.



A DERBY FAVOURITE.

MR. PUNCH (to H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, owner of "Persimmon").—"YOU'RE A GOOD SPORTSMAN, SIR,—AND I WISH YOU LUCK ON YOUR FIRST 'DERBY.'"

* * * The Prince of Wales' horse "Persimmon" had won the Derby. His Royal Highness was warmly congratulated on his success in gaining the Blue Ribbon of the Turf.



PEACE AT PRETORIA.

MR. PUNCH (*Universal Secretary of State*).—"THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR YOUR GENEROUS TREATMENT OF THE PRISONERS. IF YOUR HONOUR WILL REFUSE TO FOLLOW 'UNFRIENDLY LEYDS,' AND CAN SEE YOUR WAY TO PAYING US A VISIT NOW, WE SHALL GIVE YOU A MOST HEARTY WELCOME!"

. The Reform leaders were released on payment of heavy fines, but President Kruger, influenced, it was reported, by Dr. Leyds, the Secretary of State in the South African Republic, had declined Mr. Chamberlain's invitation to visit England.



NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED.

COSTER ARTHUR B. LE. E.—“ERE Y’ARE! NAME YER OWN PRICE! WE’VE GOT TO GO HOME D’RECTLY! TAKE ‘EM OR LEAVE ‘EM!”

. The Government were anxious to accelerate business in the House in view of the approaching Prorogation. The Irish Education Bill was amongst the measures withdrawn.



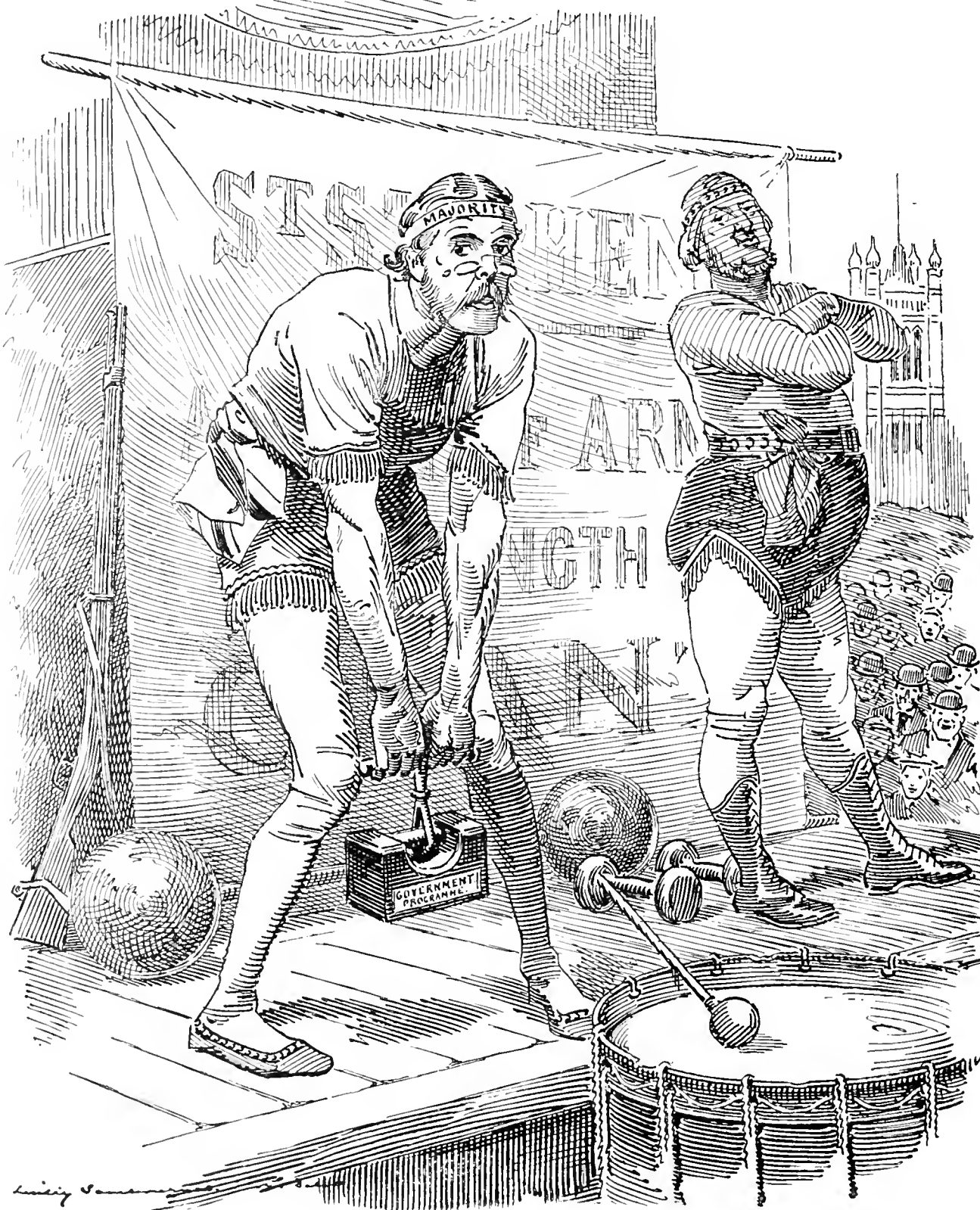
“ JOHNNY GILPIN ! ”

(MARKIS OF S L SB-RY JOHN GILPIN.)

“ THE HORSE WHO NEVER IN THAT SORT
HAD HANDLED BEEN BEFORE,

WHAT THING UPON HIS BACK HE'D GO!
DID WONDER MORE AND MORE.”

∴ The Government, despite the restiveness of the Unionist party, succeeded in carrying a resolution in both Houses that the cost of Indian troops in the Nile Expedition should be defrayed by India.



TOO MUCH FOR HIM!

H-ER-BERT (the rival Strong Man, to ARTHUR BALFOUR, the Giant).—"WHAT! CALL YOURSELF A GIANT, AND NOT LIFT THAT LITTLE LOT!"

* * Mr. Balfour, although commanding a large majority, experienced considerable difficulty in endeavouring to carry out the lengthy Government programme.



PORTRAIT OF AN IDEAL WARDEN OF THE CINQUE-PORTS.

"SALISBURY, CHEER THY SPIRIT WITH THIS!"—*Henry the Sixth, Part I., Act i., Sc. 4.*

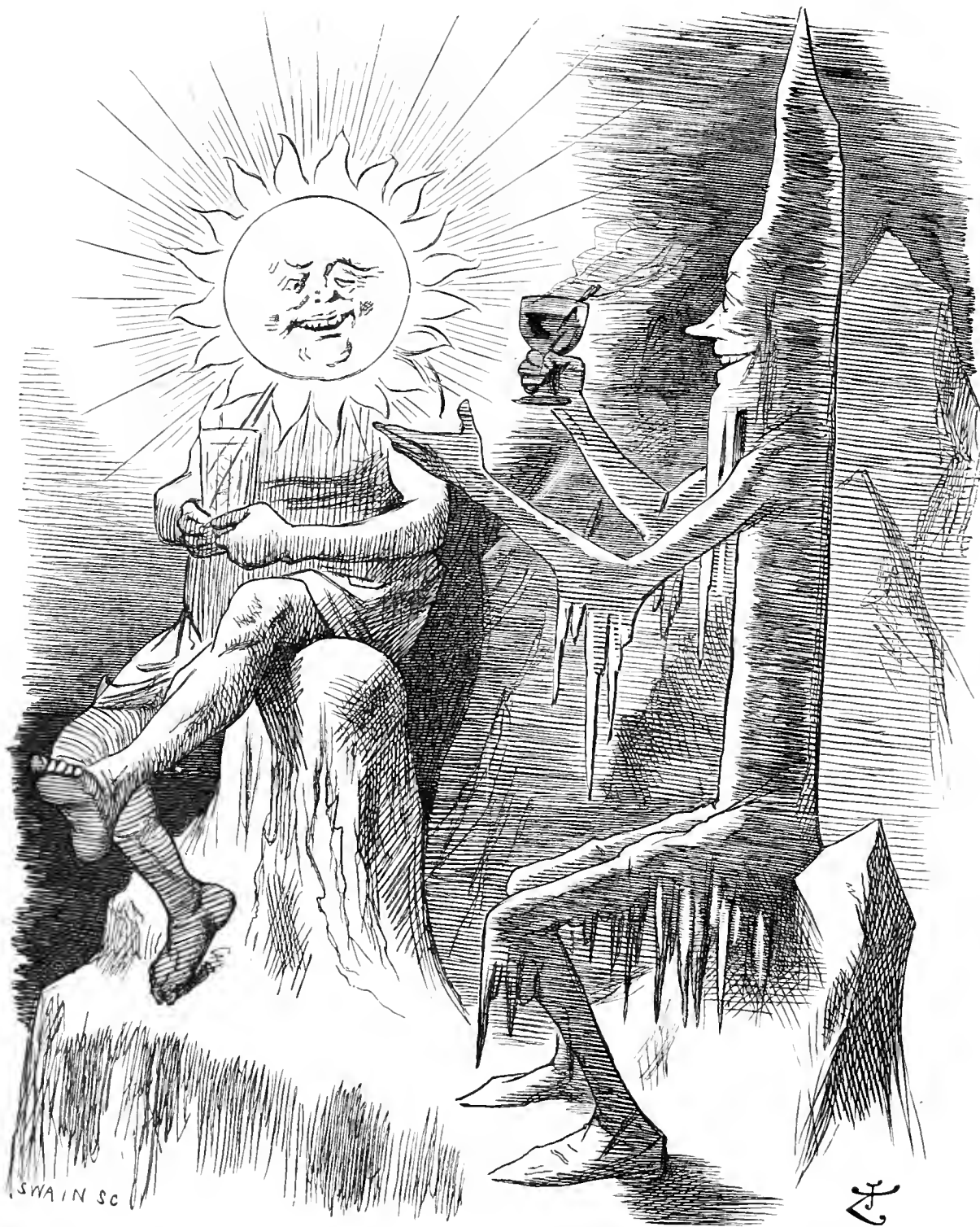
* * Lord Salisbury, having been appointed Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, was formally installed at Dover.



A TURKISH BATH.

SULTAN.—“ THEY GAVE IT ME PRETTY HOT IN THAT ARMENIAN ROOM ! BUT—BISMILLAH ! THIS IS—PHEW ! ”

* * The Porte had at last realised the gravity of the situation in Crete.



“FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD !”

THE NORTH POLE.—“YOUR HEALTH, SUNNY ! WITH ALL THEIR BOATS, BALLOONS, TELESCOPES, AND THINGS, THEY AIN’T FOUND US OUT YET !”

* * Dr. Nansen’s expedition to the North Pole, and that of the astronomers to view the total eclipse of the sun, turned out failures.



"THE WAR LORD."

"HE, THE WAR LORD OF A MOST MIGHTY HOST, WILL YET ONLY EMPLOY HIS TROOPS IN THE PROTECTION OF PEACE."

. The Emperor and Empress of Russia, who were on a foreign tour, had been to Vienna, Kieff, Breslau, Kiel and Copenhagen, and were at this time on their way to visit Queen Victoria at Balmoral. The Tzar's "universal peace" proposals had excited much comment.



A STRONG APPEAL!

"THAT COERCION, WHICH OUGHT LONG AGO TO HAVE BEEN APPLIED TO HIM (THE SULTAN), MIGHT EVEN NOW BE THE MEANS OF AVERTING ANOTHER SERIES OF MASSACRES, POSSIBLY EVEN EXCEEDING THOSE WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN."—*Extract from Mr. GLADSTONE's letter to Mr. CROSSLEY, of Manchester.*

* * Mr. Gladstone was attempting to arouse the country and the Government to take independent action against the Sultan on behalf of the oppressed Armenians.



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FRANCE TO THE FORE !

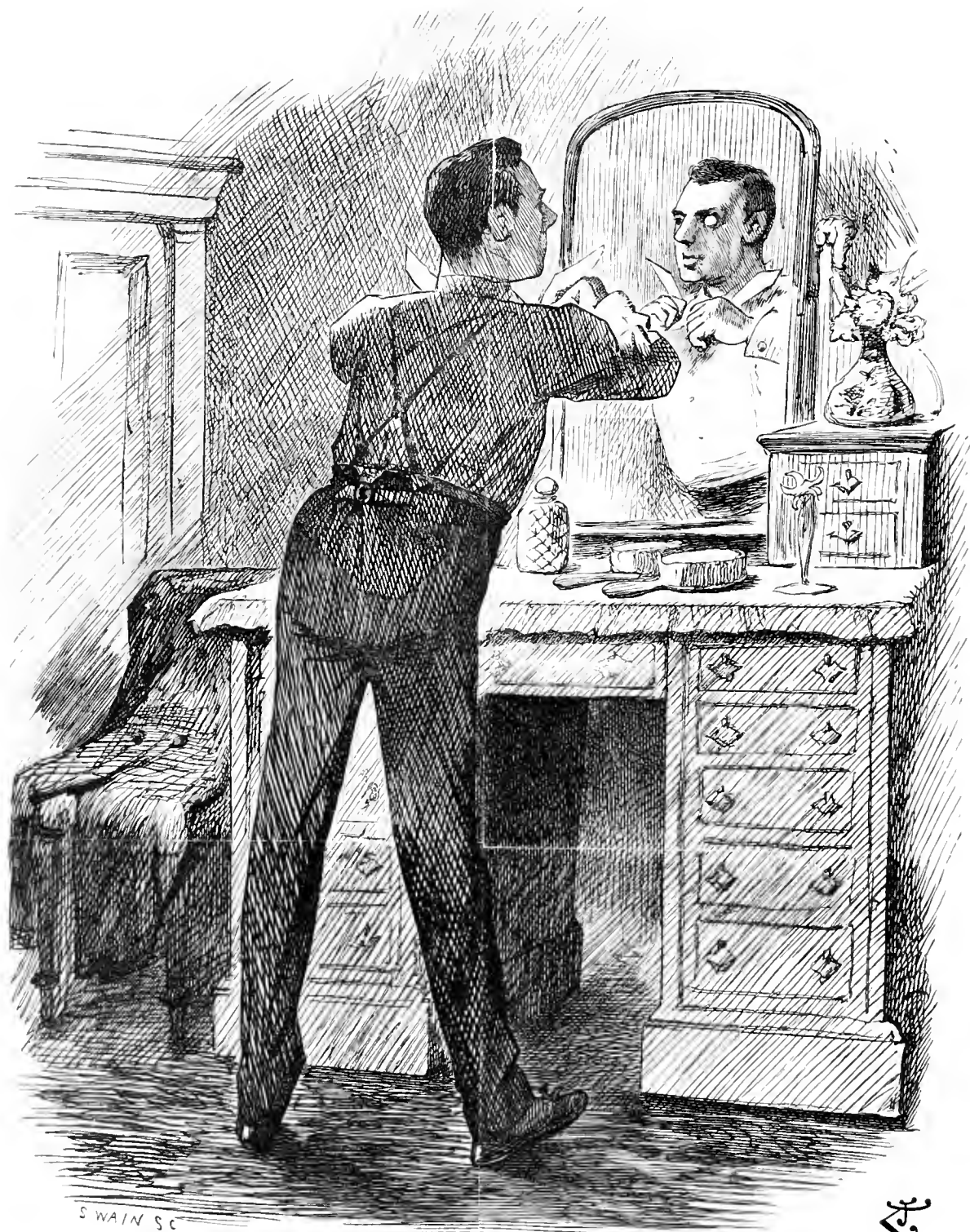
BRITANNIA (to FRANCE).—"WELL DONE, SISTER, I AM WITH YOU HEART AND SOUL !"

*. The European Powers united in strong protests against the Armenian massacres, and a conference which M. Cambon, the French Ambassador, had held with the Sultan was asserted to have been of the highest importance.



CINCINNATUS GLADSTONIUS.

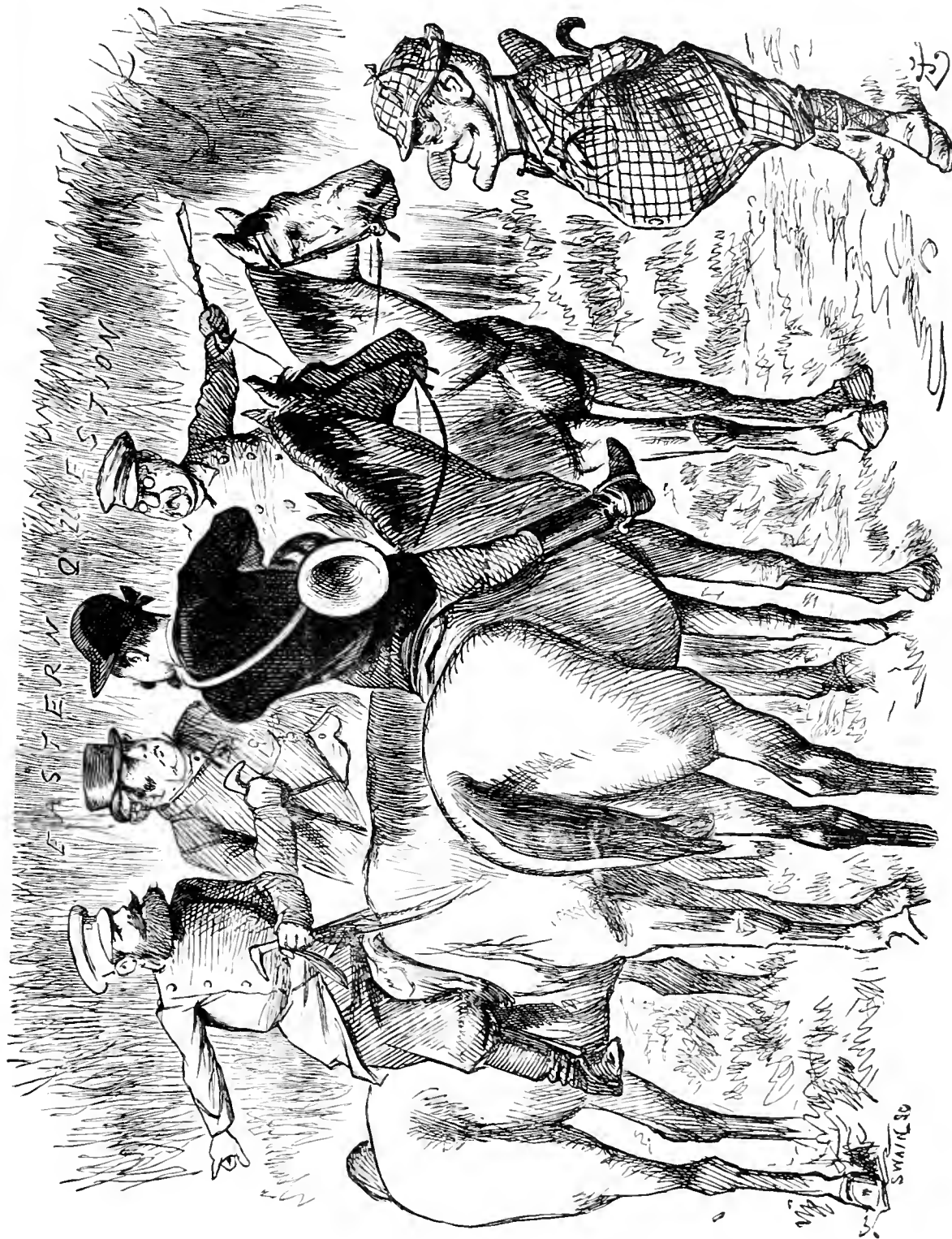
“ ‘ RETURN ! ’ Nor if I know it ! ”
 * * * It had been suggested at a public meeting that if Mr. Gladstone would return to Parliamentary life an uncontested seat would be found for him.



PREPARING HIS SPEECH.

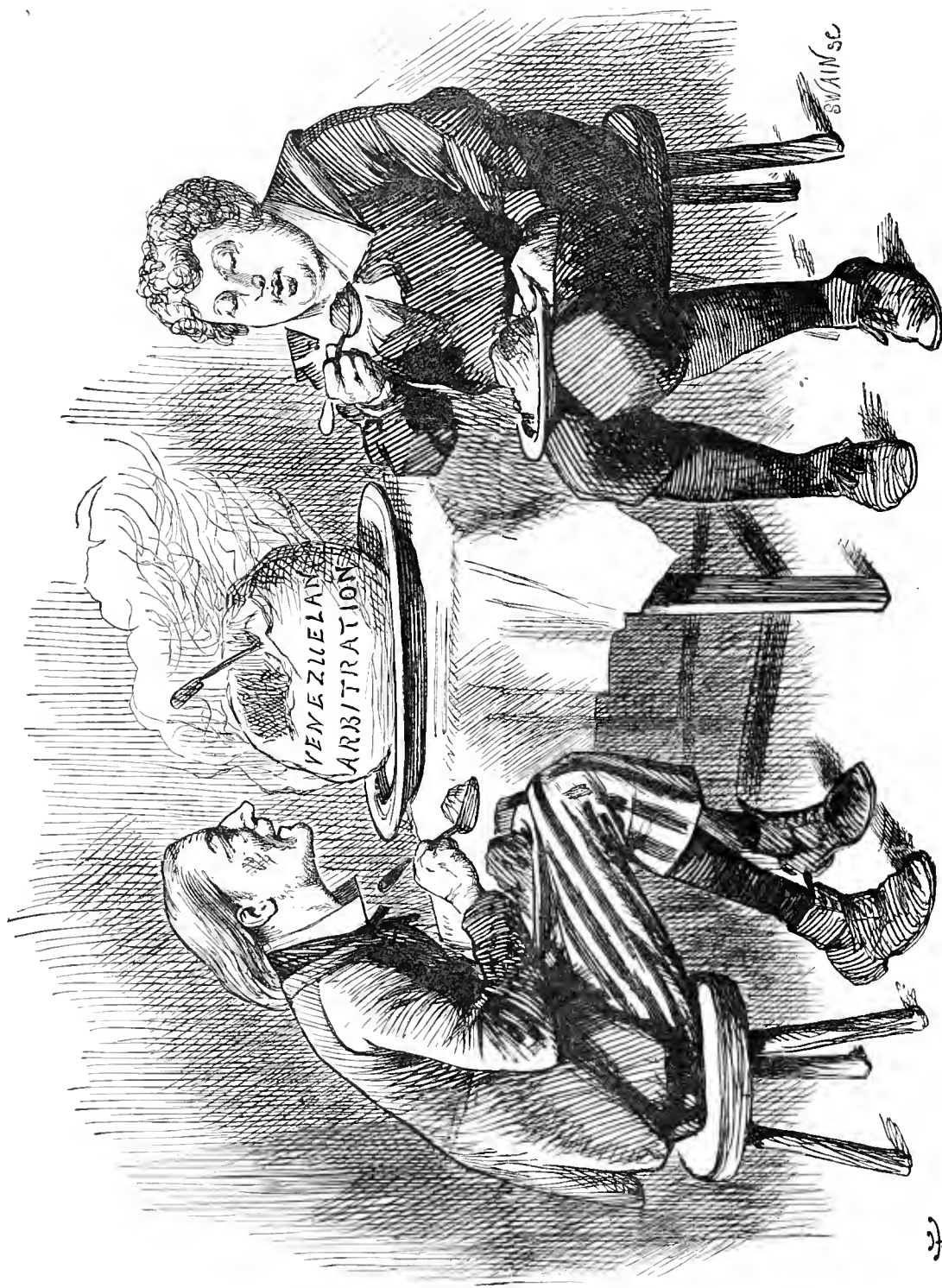
MR. JOE CHAMBERLAIN (*to himself*).—"IN SHORT, GENTLEMEN—IF YOU ARE ONLY TRUE TO YOUR PRINCIPLES, ANY ONE OF YOU MAY BECOME—AS I HAVE DONE—A MINISTER IN A LIBER—I SHOULD SAY IN A CONSERV—I BEG PARDON—I SHOULD SAY IN AN UNIONIST GOVERNMENT." H'M—RATHER CONFUSING—I DON'T THINK *THAT*'LL QUITE DO!"

. A genial allusion to the many changes which had marked Mr. Chamberlain's political career.



THE TURKISH FOX.

MR. PUNCE.—O TOO MANY MASTERS, GENTLEMEN! YOU'LL NEVER GET HIM AWAY WHILE YOU KEEP ON SQUABBLING!
 ... The Eastern Question had again become prominent through the troubles in Crete. The various schemes of reform proposed by the European Powers were each in turn accepted by the Porte—and not carried into effect.



PEACE PUDDING.

BROTHER JONATHAN.—“WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT, JOHNNIE?”
 BROTHER JOHN BULL.—“WELL, IT'S BETTER THAN YOUR BEASTLY HUMBLE PIE, ANYHOW!”

* * The British and United States Governments had at last arrived at an understanding, and agreed to settle the Venezuelan boundary question by arbitration.



“TURKEY LIMITED.”

SULTAN.—“BISMILLA! MAKE ME INTO A LIMITED COMPANY? H'M—AH—S'POSE THEY'LL ALLOW ME TO JOIN THE BOARD AFTER ALLOTMENT!”

. It was reported that the Powers had under serious consideration a scheme for a Turkish Loan to be applied, “under European control,” to the cost of the judiciary, revenue, and police service.



ON THE PROWL.

*. A great famine prevailed in Oudh, the Panjab, and the North-West and Central Provinces in India through the scarcity of rains, and energetic measures were being organised to relieve the sufferers.



“GOOD BUSINESS!”

KHEDIVE.—“PLEASE, SIR, THEY SAY YOU’LL HAVE TO PAY THIS YOURSELF!”

JOHN BULL (*calling out after France and Russia*).—“ALL RIGHT, GENTLEMEN! ONLY REMEMBER—WHO PAYS THE PIPER, CALLS THE TUNE!”

. The town and province of Dongola had been reconquered for Egypt by General Kitchener. The heavy expenses of the expedition were borne by the British Government.



“ SEASIDE LODGINGS.”

Russian BEAR.—“ NICE VIEW OF THE SEA ! JUST WHAT I WANTED ! THINK I’LL TAKE ‘EM ! ”

. A treaty concluded between Russia and China gave the former certain rights of access to Chinese ports. The Cartoon foreshadowed Russian designs upon the Chinese naval arsenal at Port Arthur, which, in fact, came into her possession a year later.



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THE LOYALISTS DISLOYAL ;

OR, THE GARRISON GONE OVER.

CAPTAIN OF THE WATCH (ARTHUR BLIF-ER).—"MY LIEGE ! THE IRISH HOSTS, AT LENGTH UNITED,
ARE AT THE GATES ! OUR LOYAL GARRISON
ESPPOSE THEIR CAUSE !"

THE BARON (LORD S-L-SB-RY, *gloomily*). "THEN, BY MY HALIDOM,
OUR GOOSE IS COOK'D !"

(From a *dramatic Old Play*.)

* * * The two great political parties in Ireland were united in opposing the Irish Local Government Bill, and a meeting was held in Dublin to denounce the excessive Imperial taxation, and demand reduction in future.



A STIFF COURSE.

A. J. B-L-F-R (*inspecting the jumps*).—"THIS IS A NASTY ONE!"
 L-O-R-D S-I-S-E-R-V.—"YES—BUT T'OTHER'S NASTIER!"

* * An Education Bill to relieve Voluntary Schools was about to be introduced. Taxation in Ireland was calculated to cause trouble, and called for serious consideration on the part of the Government.



“ THE BETTER PART OF VALOUR.”

MASTER HEC-RT.—“ I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO TACKLE HIM ? ”

MASTER SND-RS-N.—“ AH ! I DID THINK OF IT—BUT IF I WERE TO HIT HIM AND HURT HIM, I WOULD NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF ! ”

. Although the Irish Unionists were prepared for an exhaustive discussion on Irish over-taxation, they hesitated to vote against the Government.

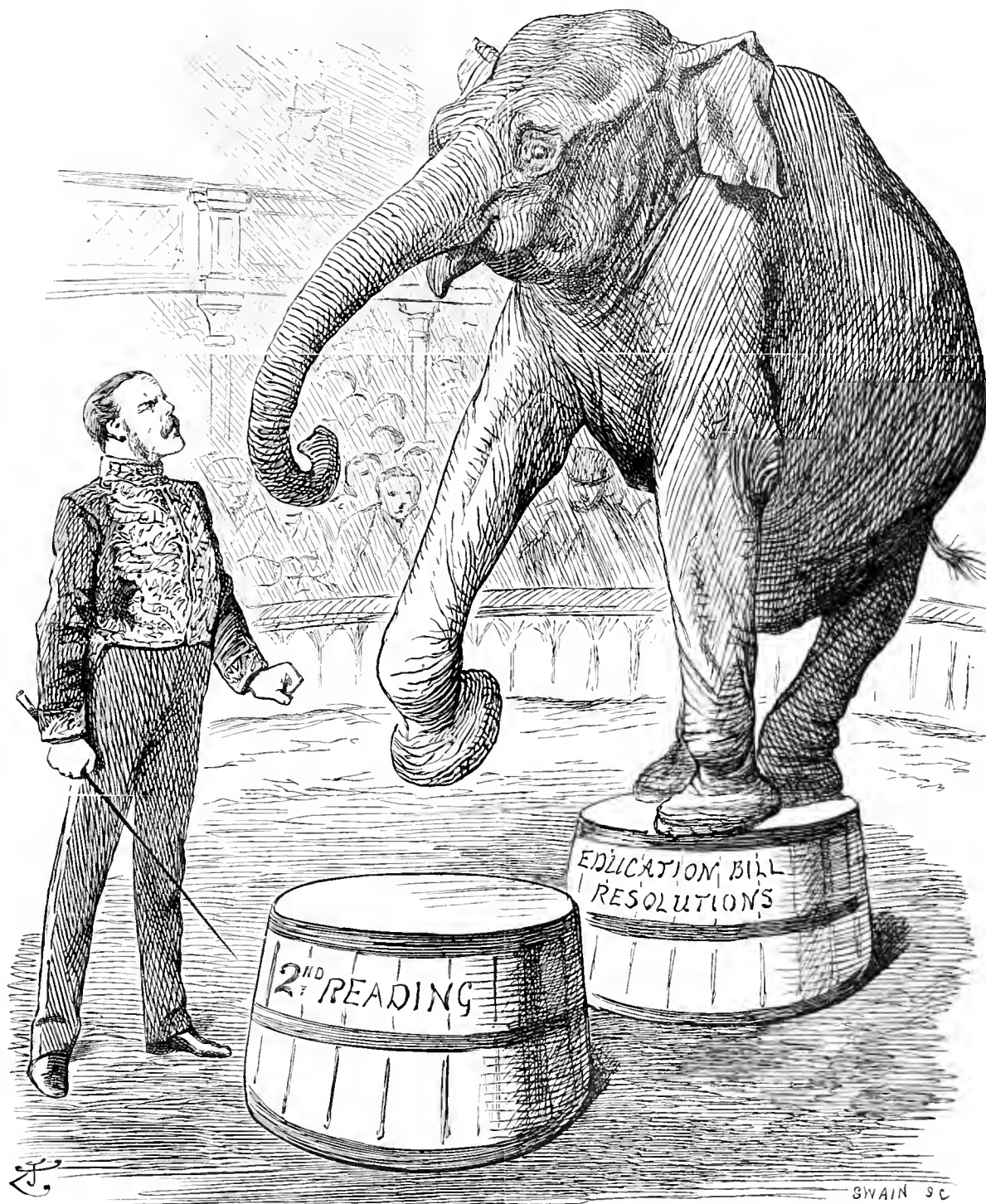


AT WESTMINSTER HALL.

1795.—1897.

SHADE OF WARREN HASTINGS (to MR. CECIL RHODES).—"I SUCCEEDED, AND WAS IMPEACHED! YOU FAIL—AND ARE CALLED AS A WITNESS!"

*. A Committee was appointed by the House of Commons to inquire into the Transvaal Raid, and Mr. Cecil Rhodes had arrived in England to give evidence.



THE ELEPHANTINE MAJORITY.

ARTHUR BALFOUR (*Ringmaster of the Westminster Circus*).—"HOPE HE'S NOT GOING TO TURN NASTY. HE'LL SPOIL THE WHOLE SHOW."

. The second reading of the Education (Voluntary Schools) Bill was carried by 355 to 150, after a debate which had lasted for three days.



AGAINST THE GRAIN.

JOHN BULL (*log.*).—"Ah! That Greek's a plucky little chap! Precious sorry that me and my forin' mates has to stop him!"

* * The Cretans having revolted against Turkish misrule, Greece had intervened with an armed force, but was ordered by the Allied Powers to withdraw.



TENDER MERCIES !

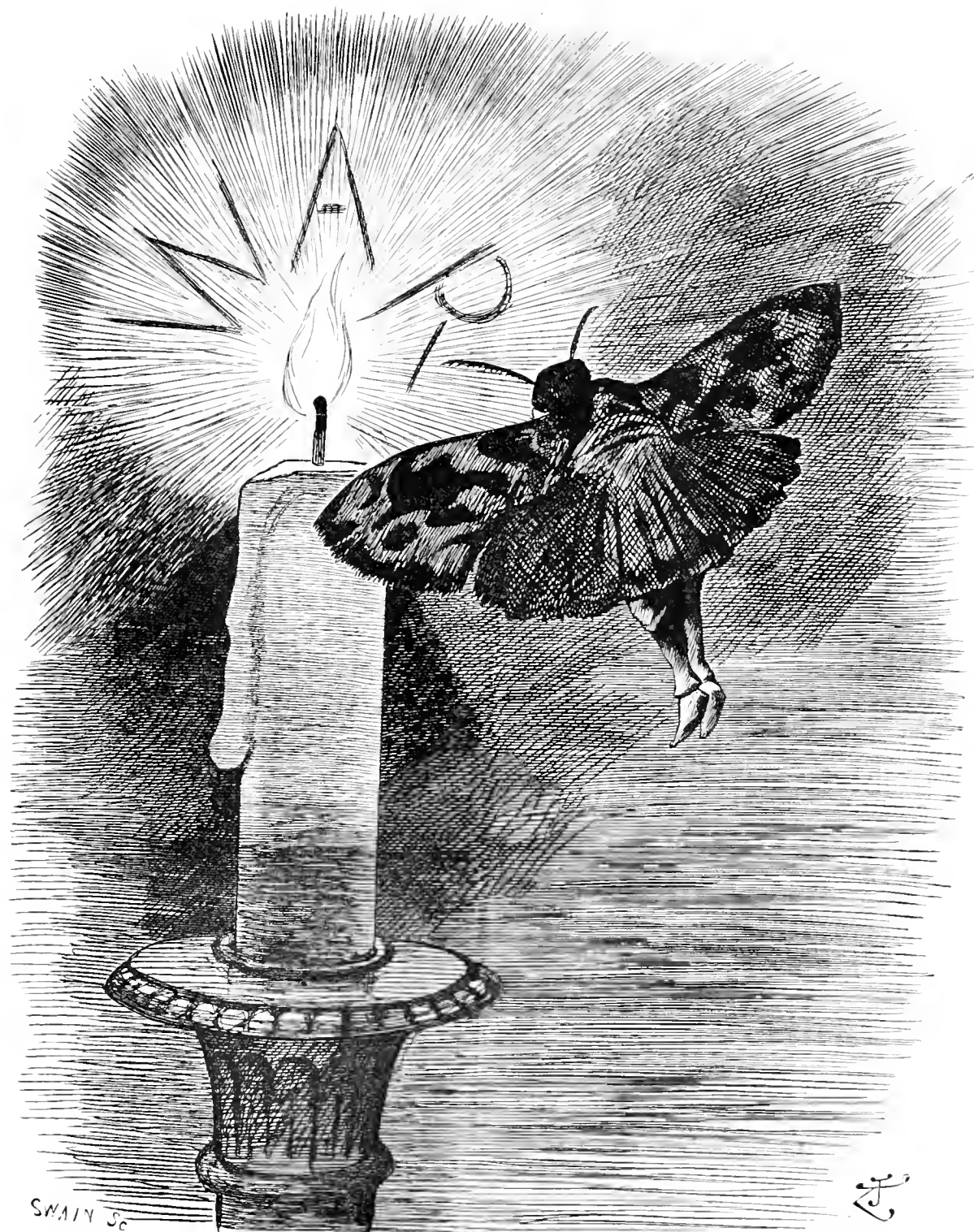
DAME EUROPA (*to* LITTLE CRETE).—"DON'T CRY, MY LITTLE MAN. I'VE ASKED THIS NICE, KIND TURKISH POLICEMAN TO STAY AND TAKE CARE OF YOU !"

* * * The Powers had decided to grant autonomy to Crete, but under Turkish suzerainty.



“YOU GO FIRST!”

* * * Greece refused to withdraw her troops from Crete, and was preparing for war with Turkey.



THE GREEK MOTH.

* * The command of the forces on the Thessalian frontier had been assumed by the Crown Prince of Greece, and that Power was fast drifting into war.

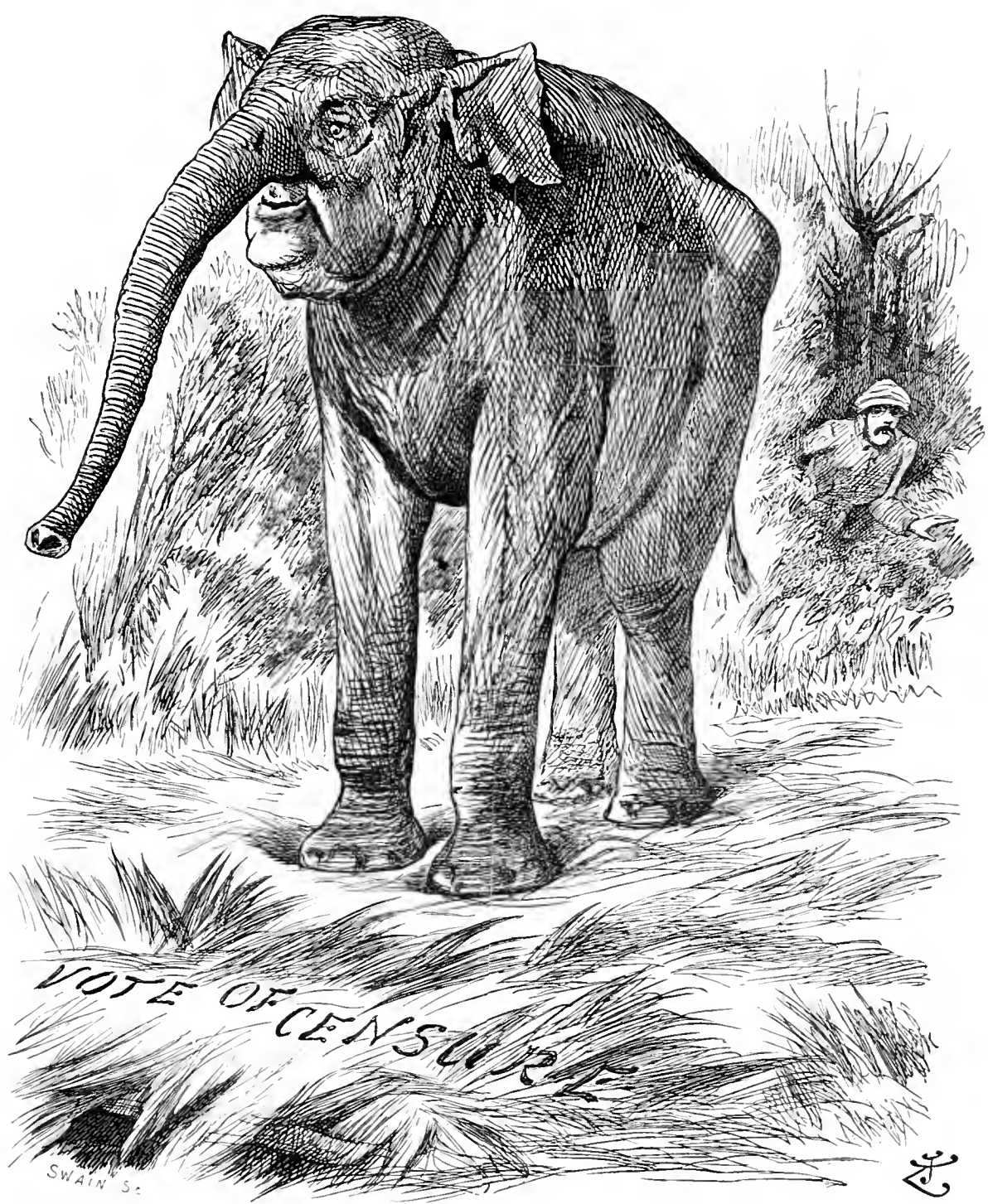


CHANGE OF TREATMENT.

MISS ERIN.—“SHURE, YE NEVER GAVE ME THE ‘ROYAL COMMISSION ELIXIR’ THAT WAS TO DO ME SO MUCH GOOD.”

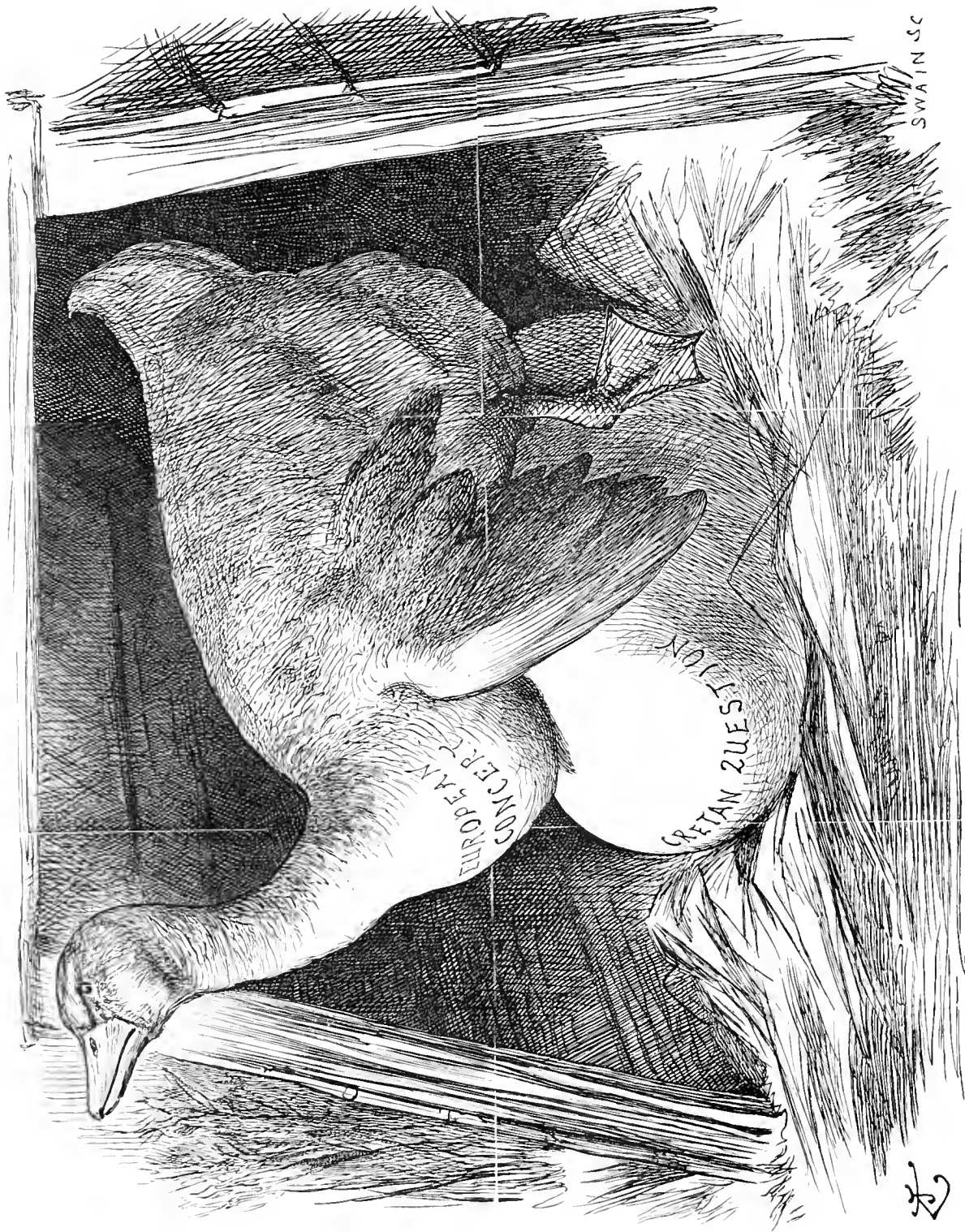
ARTHUR B-L-F-R.—“NO, MY DEAR, THERE WAS SOME MISTAKE IN THE FIRST PRESCRIPTION. I’LL MAKE YOU UP ANOTHER DOSE!!”

* * A resolution moved in the House of Commons that the Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the financial relations of England and Ireland proved the necessity for remedial legislation was negatived by 317 to 157.



THE ELEPHANT TRAP.

* * Sir William Harcourt wisely decided not to move a vote of censure on the Government for their policy in Crete.



THE EASTERN EGG.

WHAT WILL COME OF IT?

** The Allied Powers were taking active measures to suppress the Cretan insurrection. The island was effectively blockaded, and British and foreign troops landed.



ALL GONE!

SIR M-CH-L H-CK-S-B-CII (*Kennel-Master*)—to good dog "*Income-Tax Tiger*").—"1000 OLD BOY! THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR YOU!"
 "... When the Chancellor of the Exchequer introduced his Budget, he announced that the small estimated surplus would not allow of any reduction of income-tax.

Henry Sanderson



“ ENOUGH! ”

* * The Great Powers intervened to prevent further bloodshed in the disastrous war raging between Turkey and Greece over the Cretan question.



“ WHO SAYS ‘ SICK MAN ’ NOW ? ”

* * After the recall of the Greek army, the Turkish forces were successful in a conflict with the Cretan insurgents.



“MY FRIEND—THE ENEMY!”

LITTLE GREECE (*acknowledging defeat*).—“MY MISTAKE, SIR.”

JUBILANT SULTAN.—“NOT AT ALL! EXTREMELY INDEBTED TO YOU! YOU’VE QUITE SET ME ON MY LEGS AGAIN!”

. The war between Turkey and Greece, though gallantly contested by the Greeks, had resulted in their defeat, and the Sultan ordered a suspension of hostilities.



“BROKEN TO HARNESS.”

MISS ERIN.—“SURE IT’S A NICE PAIR YE’RE DHRIVIN’, MISTHER ARTHUR !”

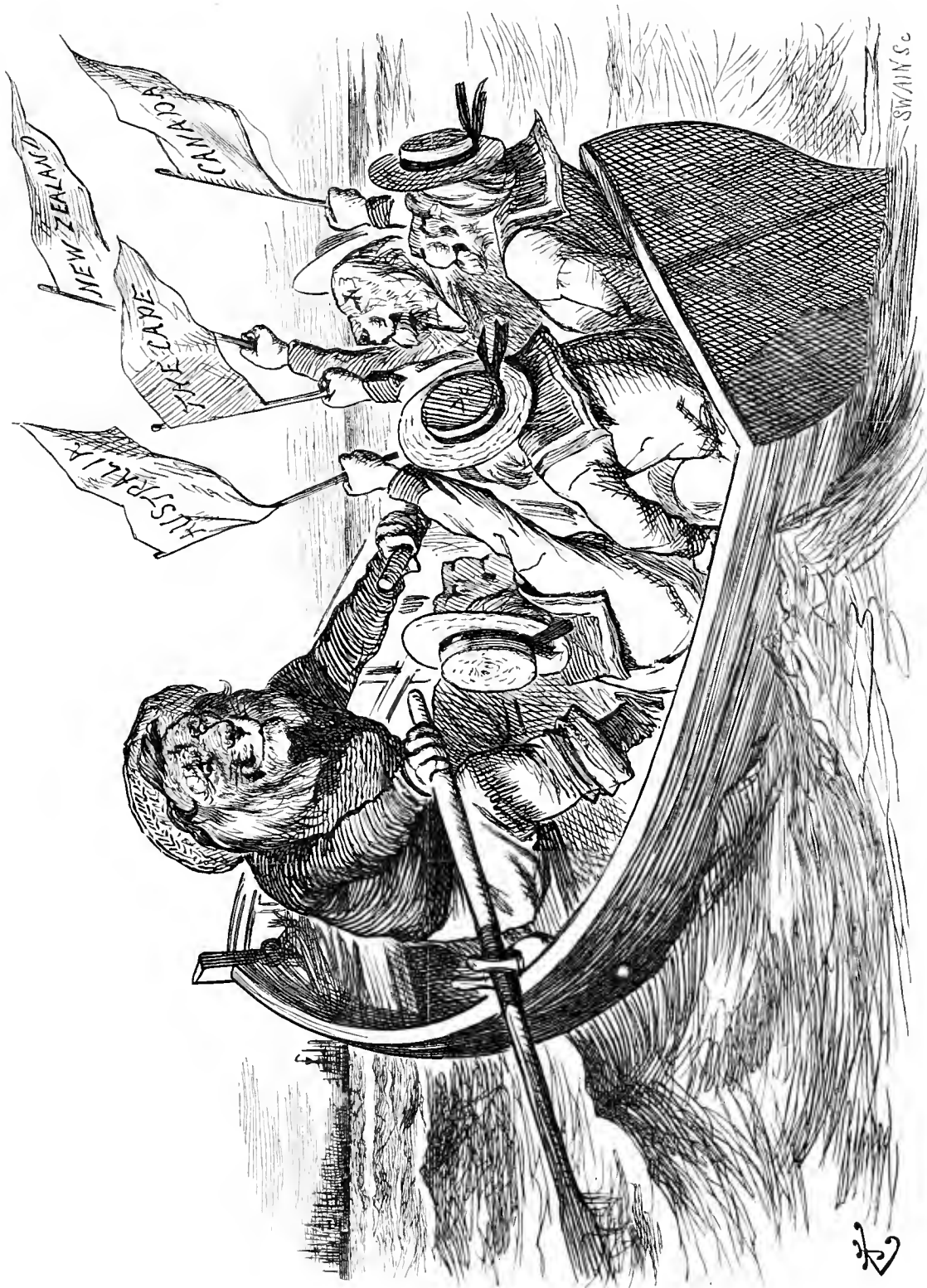
ARTHUR B-L-F-R.—“YES—NEVER THOUGHT THEY’D GO SO WELL TOGETHER !”

* * The relations between landlord and tenant under the new Irish Land Act were not so strained as was anticipated, and a better understanding prevailed on both sides.



H.M.S. "AFRIKANDER."

* * The Cape House of Assembly decided to contribute to the Imperial Navy, and offered a first-class battleship as a free gift from Cape Colony.



SPLITHEAD. JUNE 26.

BRITISH LION (taking the *Young Lions* out to see the *Great Naval Review*).—"LOR' LOVE YER, MY LADS, THIS IS THE PROUDEST MOMENT OF MY LIFE!" At the great review of the fleet, held on the 26th June, 1897, to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, 165 British warships of the Home Squadron alone were present. Official representatives from the various Colonies participated in the display.



“THE QUEEN’S MESSENGER!”

“FROM MY HEART I THANK MY BELOVED PEOPLE. MAY GOD BLESS THEM. V.R. AND I.”

“I’LL PUT A GIRDLE ROUND ABOUT THE EARTH.”—*Midsummer Night’s Dream*.

* * Queen Victoria’s Jubilee Message to the Empire reached Australia, India, and the furthestmost parts of the globe before the Queen had emerged from Buckingham Palace.



UNREST.

1857—1897.

SHADE OF LORD LAWRENCE.—“ I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF HIM. HOPE THEY UNDERSTAND HIM BETTER NOW THAN THEY DID IN MY TIME.”

* * The fanatical risings instigated by the Mullah amongst the tribes on the Indo-Afghan frontier caused considerable trouble, and were not subdued for several months ; 1857 was the year of the Indian Mutiny.



THE "TRICKSY SPIRIT" !

FERDINAND . . . L-RD S-L-SB-RY.

ARIEL . . . Rt. Hon. J. CH-ME-RL-N.

FERDINAND (L-RD S-L-SB-RY).—"WHERE SHOULD THIS MUSIC BE? * * * I HAVE FOLLOW'D IT, OR IT HATH DRAWN ME—RATHER."—*The Tempest*, Act I., Sc. 2.

* * It was supposed that Lord Salisbury, in passing the Workmen's Compensation for Accidents Bill through the House of Lords, was influenced by the Radical tendencies of the Colonial Secretary.



“STUMPS DRAWN.”

S-L-SB-RY.—“PHEW ! . . . NOT A BAD INNINGS, JOE ? ”

CH-MB-RL-N.—“GLAD YOU THINK SO ! BUT YOU MIGHT HAVE BACKED ME UP BETTER AT THE FINISH ! ”

* * * Parliament was prorogued on the 6th of August. The Lords' amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Bill were not approved of by the Commons, who referred them back with further amendments, but the Bill ultimately became law.



THE END OF IT!

GERMAN EMPEROR (to poor GREECE).—"HAND OVER ALL YOU'VE GOT, AND WE'LL DO THE BEST WE CAN FOR YOU!"

* * The Powers intervened to protect Greece from the hard terms imposed by Turkey at the conclusion of the war, but a heavy war indemnity was exacted by the victor.



ON THE ALERT!

... The British forces on the Indo-Afghan frontier were actively engaged in repelling the harassing attacks made by the Afiridis and other warlike tribes who had revolted. Many of the enemy's forts were captured after desperate fighting.



LUCK AT LAST!

CERES (to BRITISH FARMER).—"LET ME INTRODUCE MISS PROSPERITY."

FARMER.—"LAW, MISS, YOU DO BE QUITE A STRANGER IN THESE PARTS! WELL, I'M HEARTHLI GLAD TO SEE YE, AND I HOPE YE'VE COME TO STAY!!"

* * The wheat harvest in England was unusually early, and farmers were benefiting by the higher prices realised.



POOR RELATIONS.

ALSACE AND LORRAINE (*together*).—"BON JOUR, M'SIEU LE PRESIDENT. YOU HAVE SURELY BROUGHT BACK SOMETHING FOR US FROM RUSSIA?"

M. FAURE.—"WELL—H'M—I'M AFRAID—ER—— (*Aside.*) VERY AWKWARD THESE TROUBLESOME PEOPLE TURNING UP AND AT SUCH A MOMENT, TOO!!"

. The French President had just returned from a visit to Russia. He was received at Cronstadt by the Tsar, and warmly welcomed at St. Petersburg and elsewhere. The rumours of a Franco-Russian Alliance were confirmed.



THE INCOMPLETE ANGLER.

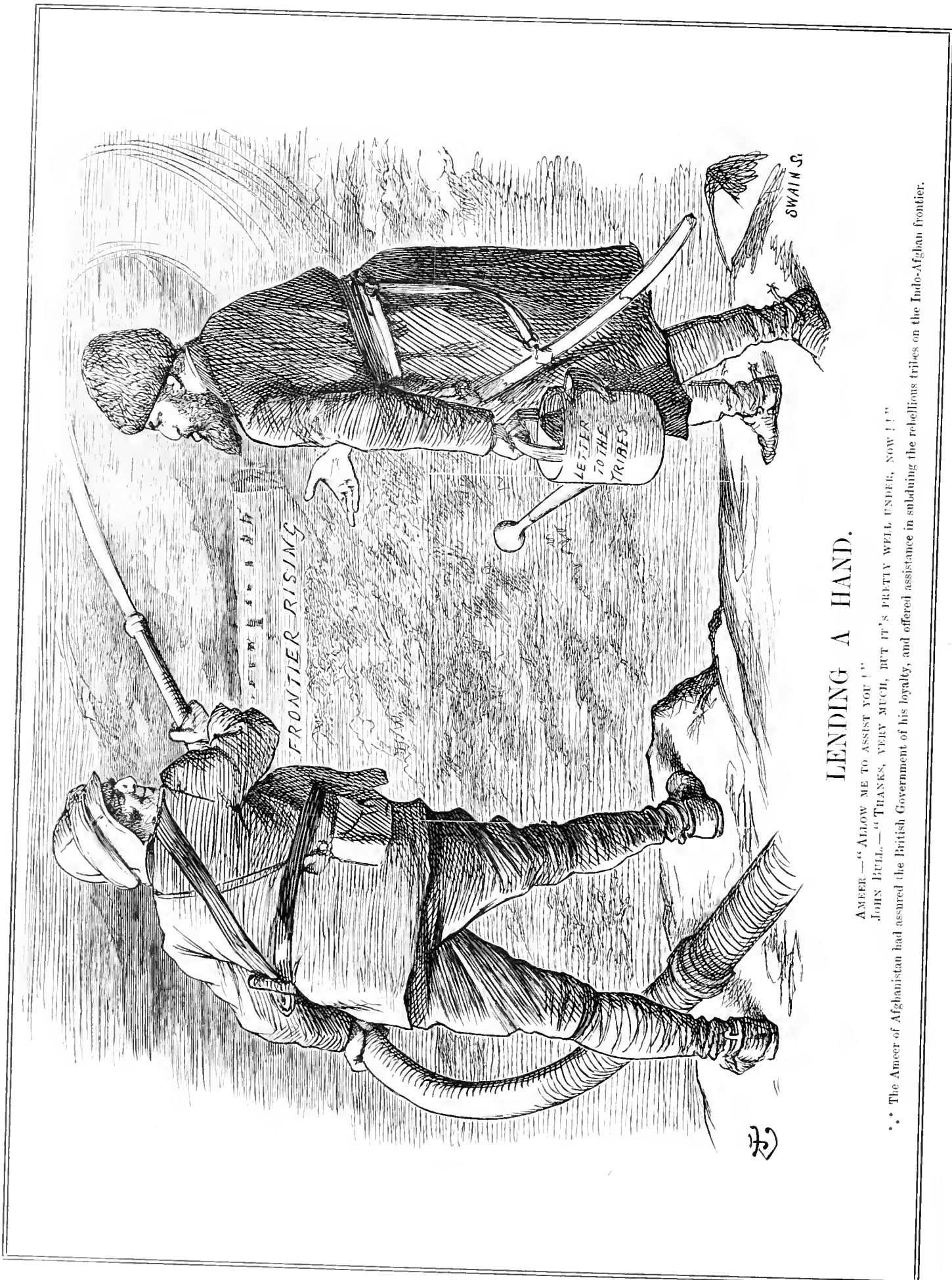
JOHN BULL.—“I DON’T SEEM TO BE DOING SO WELL AS I DID.”
 JOE.—“WELL, IF YOU WANT TO GET THE BETTER OF THOSE FOREIGN CHAPS, YOU MUST CHOOSE YOUR FLY TO SUIT THE FISH—AS THEY DO!”
 “* Mr. Chamberlain’s oft-repeated advice to adopt preferential tariffs in dealing with our Colonies and thus develop the resources of the Empire had been disregarded, and British trade was languishing.”



A NATIONAL QUESTION.

BRITANNIA.—“WHEN ARE YOU TWO GOING TO MAKE IT UP, AND LET ME HAVE MY SHIPS?”

“In consequence of the strike in the engineering and allied trades 70,000 men were rendered idle, and the carrying out of the extended ship-building scheme, authorised by the House of Commons, seriously imperilled.”



LENDING A HAND.

AMEER—"ALLOW ME TO ASSIST YOU!"
JOHN BULL—"THANKS, VERY MUCH, BUT IT'S PRETTY WELL UNDER, NOW!"

..* The Ameer of Afghanistan had assured the British Government of his loyalty, and offered assistance in subduing the rebellious tribes on the Indo-Afghan frontier.



A WARNING.

FATHER THAMES (to LONDON).—"TYPHOID! LOR' BLESS YOU, MA'AM! I SHA'N'T DO YOU ANY HARM AS LONG AS YOU KEEP OTHERS FROM HARMING ME!"

. An epidemic of typhoid fever, attributed to bad water, had caused many deaths at Maidstone, and the Farleigh water supply had been cut off.



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“ ENGLAND EXPECTS — ”

SHADE OF F.M. THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON.—“ ALL RIGHT FOR YOUR SERVICE, NELSON; BUT, BEGAD, SIR, THEY’LL HAVE TO STRENGTHEN MINE ! ”

* * A large sum of money had been voted to strengthen the Navy, and pressure was being brought to bear on the Government to increase the Army also.



A GLOOMY PROSPECT.

FIRST LABOUR LEADER.—"I SAY—THINGS ARE LOOKING PRECIOUS BAD!"

SECOND LABOUR LEADER.—"BAD!! WHY, WE SHA'N'T GET OUR PAY NEXT!!!"

.. Business was being resumed in factories which had been closed during the strikes now happily ending. The agitators doubtless feared, if the conciliatory spirit shown by masters and men continued, that their services would be dispensed with.



“ BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.”

MR. PUNCH.—“ GLAD YOU’VE GOT THEM IN AT LAST, MR. RITCHIE. PITY IT COULDN’T HAVE BEEN DONE BEFORE ! ”

. A conference between employers and workmen was held at the Board of Trade with the object of settling the long-standing engineers’ strike, which had caused great distress.

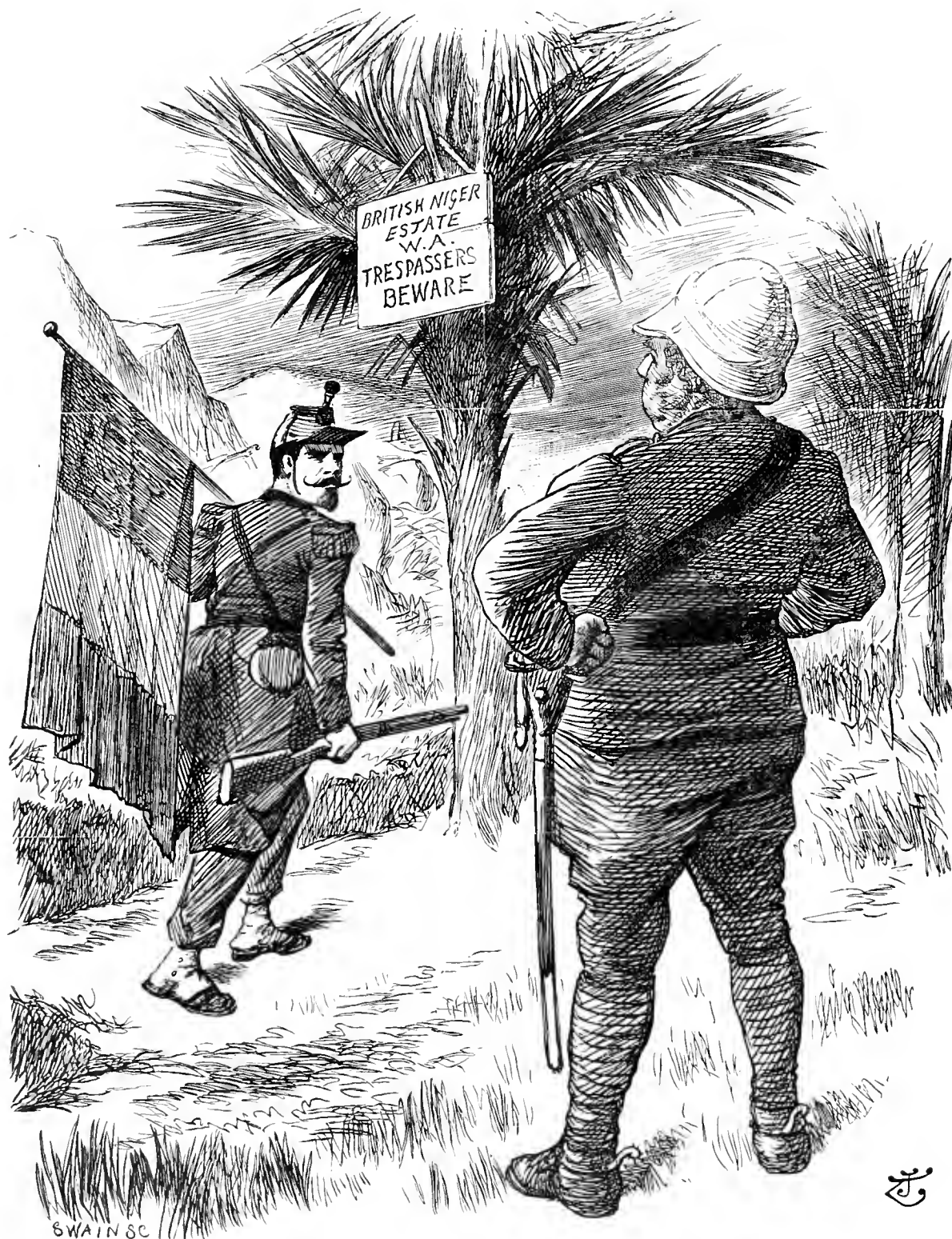


THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE.

JOHN BULL.—“RECRUITS COMING IN NICELY, SERGEANT?”

RECRUITING SERGEANT PUNCH.—“NO, SIR. THE FACT IS, MR. BULL, IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT BETTER WORTH THEIR WHILE TO ENLIST,—YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOULDER A RIFLE YOURSELF!!”

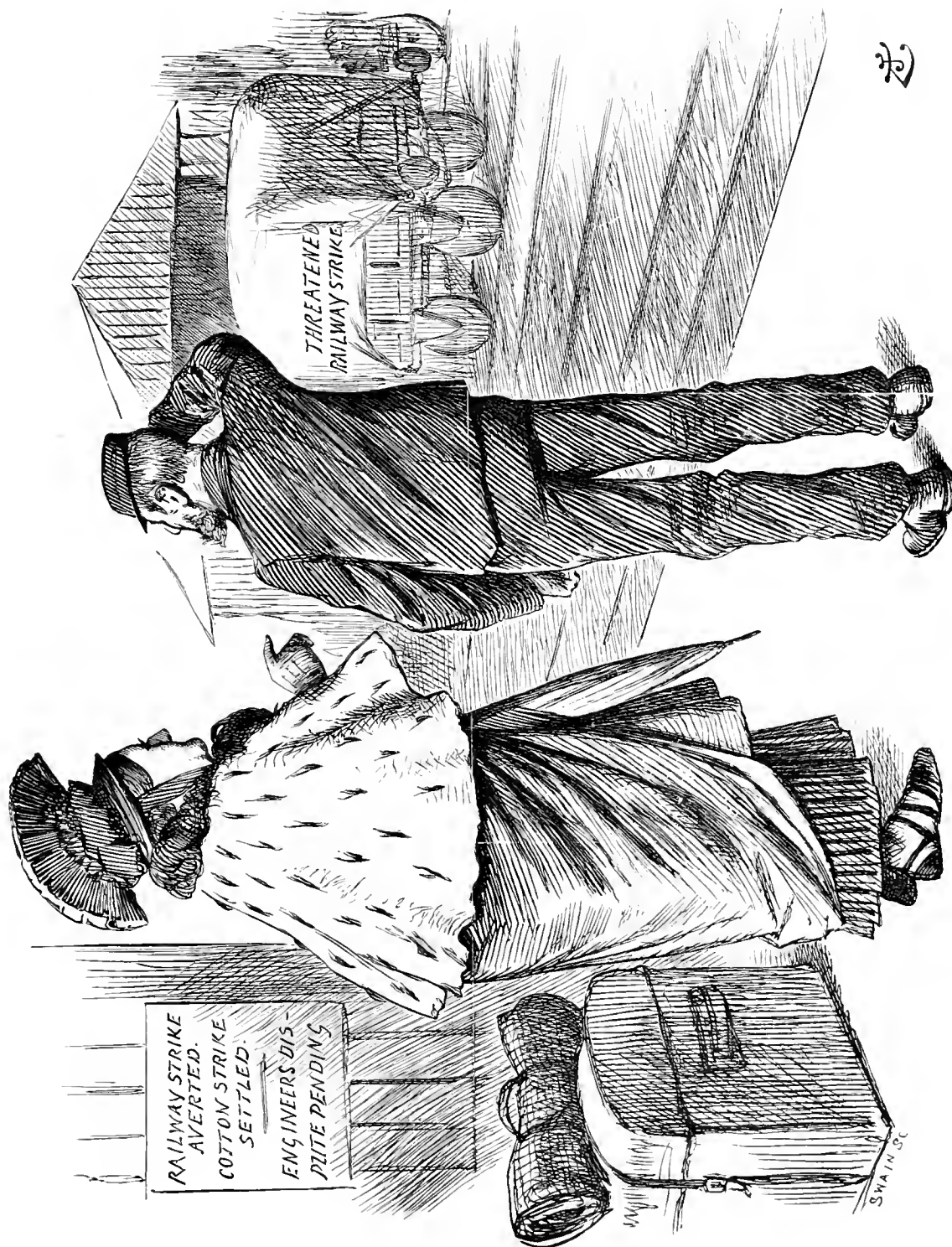
. A large increase in the Army had been sanctioned, but recruits were coming in slowly, the pay being considered inadequate.



A BOUNDARY QUESTION.

JOHN BULL.—"BEG PARDON, MONSIEUR! BUT P'RAPS YOU DIDN'T NOTICE THAT BOARD?"

*. French encroachments in the British Niger territory had been reported, and an Anglo-French Niger Commission was sitting in Paris to settle the frontier question.



SHUNTED!!

MRS. BRITANNIA.—“GLAD TO SEE YOU’VE GOT THAT NASTY TRUCK OUT OF THE WAY, YOUNG MAN, IN TIME FOR THE CHRISTMAS EXPRESS!”
 * * A threatened railway strike was averted by timely concessions from the directors. The men had been agitating for shorter hours of labour and increased pay.



STIRRING TIMES.

FATHER CHRISTMAS (to MESSRS. "LABOUR" and "CAPITAL").—"COME, MY FRIENDS, LEND A HAND, OR THE CHRISTMAS PUDDING WILL HAVE TO BE 'MADE IN GERMANY'!"

. 1897 had been a notable year for strikes. Conferences between the men and masters led to no practical result, but the men ultimately withdrew some of their demands, and work was generally resumed.



ANOTHER "SICK MAN."

THE SULTAN (*cheerily*).—"GOING TO PIECES, OLD MAN? NONSENSE! ALL YOU WANT IS A DOSE OF 'CONCERT OF EUROPE!' WHY—LOOK AT ME!!"

* * * Russia and Germany at this time were busy with their own aggrandisement at the expense of China. The "Concert of Europe" was a familiar term applied to the Ambassadors who had assembled at Constantinople to settle the troubles in Turkey, Crete, and Greece.



ON THE "QUAY VIVE" !

JOHN BULL.—"WHAT, MATIES! WANT SOME O' MY COAL TO GET TO CHINA! RIGHT YOU ARE!" (To himself.)—"I CAN ALWAYS STOP THE SUPPLIES!"

* * Doubts were expressed as to the wisdom of freely supplying Welsh anthracite coal to foreign Governments for use in their navies, and fears were entertained of a possible scarcity for home consumption.



KEEPING HIM GOING.

COLONIAL JOE.—"HOLD OUT TO THE END OF THE ROUND! I'VE GOT SOMETHING THAT'LL PUT THE LIFE INTO YOU!!"

* * * The West Indies were in a depressed condition, caused by the sugar bounties in foreign countries and by the increased demand for beet-sugar. The Chancellor of the Exchequer promised a large grant in aid.



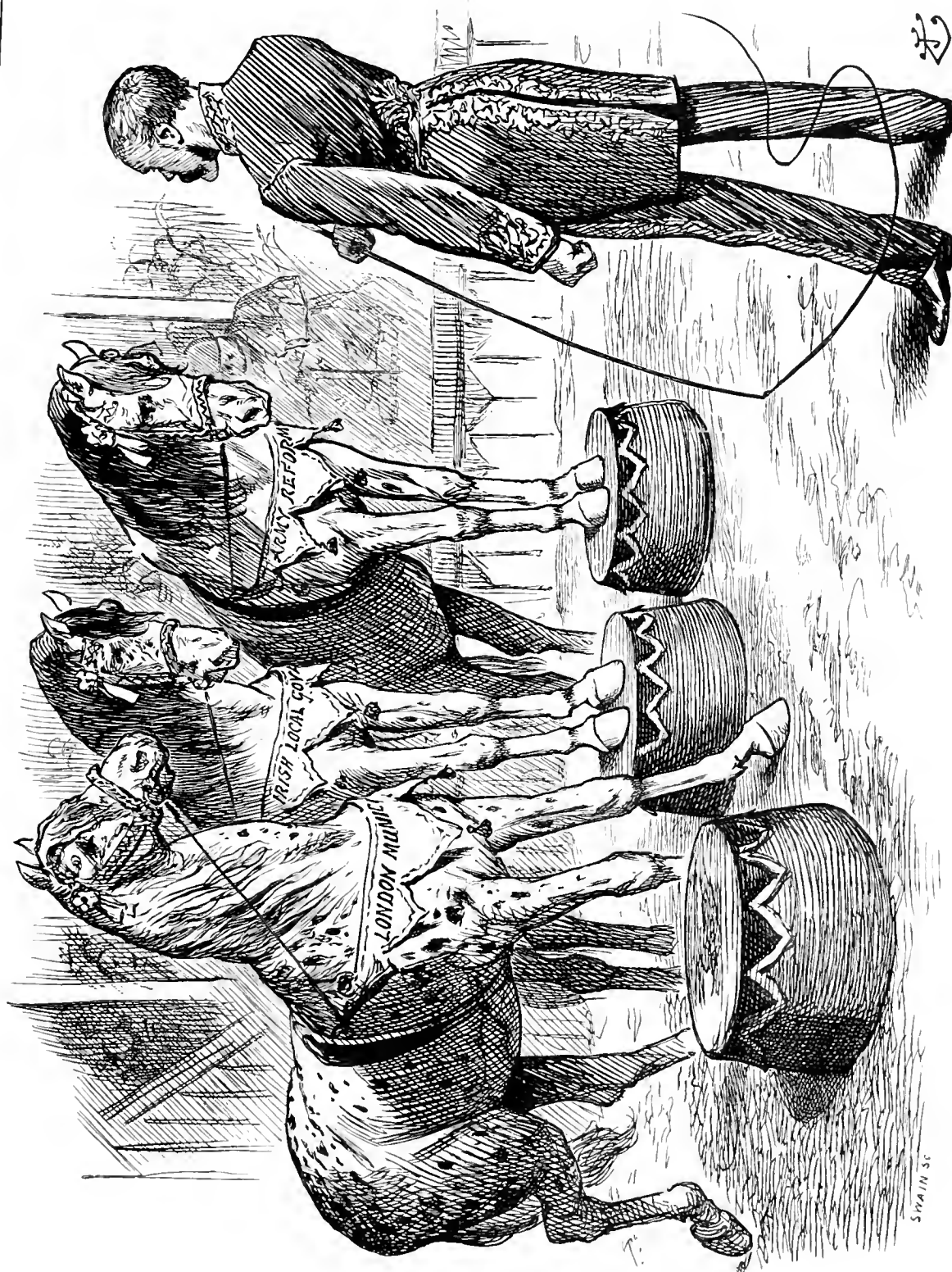
“ EMBARRAS DE RICHESSE ! ”

“ THE ANXIOUS CIT EACH INVITATION VIEWS,
AND PONDERS WHICH TO TAKE AND WHICH REFUSE,”

FROM THIS OR THAT TO STAY AWAY IS LOTH,
AND SIGHS TO THINK HE CANNOT DINE AT BOTH. — *Bombastes Furiosus.*

* * China was negotiating with both Great Britain and Russia in respect to loans, but in each case the scheme fell through.

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THE NEW LOT.

RIGHT HON. ARTHUR Balfour (Ring-Master of the Royal Westminster Circus, aside).—"TOMMY ATKINS' IS SAFE ENOUGH; I HOPE 'PADDY' WILL DO;—
BUT I DON'T QUITE LIKE THE LOOK OF 'VESTRYMAN.'"

* * * Under the scheme for Army Reform an increase of 21,739 men was sanctioned. The Irish Local Government Bill was eventually passed, but the London Municipality Bill was one of the measures dropped in the course of the Session.



“ FINANCIAL RELATIONS.”

CHORUS OF LONG-LOST BROTHERS.

S-ND-RS-N, H-LY, L-CKY, (*singing*) :—

“ IT’S THE MOST DISTRESSFUL COUNTRY THAT EVER YOU DID SEE !
WE WANT SIX’S HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS FROM THE SAXON TREASURER ! ”

* * Colonel Sanderson, Mr. Healy, and Mr. Lecky had united in supporting the Irish Local Government Bill, which assigned £700,000 a year to Ireland.



PLAIN ENGLISH.

JOHN BULL.—"SCUSE ME, M'SOO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON MY GROUND?"

FRENCH EXPLORER.—"MON CHER, JE N'Y SUIS PAS." (*Aside.*)—"MAIS, J'Y RESTE!!"

JOHN BULL.—"YOU MAYN'T BE THERE. *BUT OUT YOU GO!!*"

* * There had been frequent encroachments by the French on British territory in Nigeria, but the matter was shortly afterwards settled by the Anglo-French Commission which was sitting to delimit the frontier.



“GIVING HIM A LIFT.”

FARMER BULL (to JOHN CHINAMAN).—“YOU STICK TO ME, JOHNNIE. WE’LL GO TO MARKET TOGETHER, AND I’LL SEE THAT NO ONE ‘BESTS’ YOU!”

Mr. Carzen announced that the concessions which had been made by the Chinese Government to British commerce were considerable and valuable.



THE NEW "STROKE."

RIGHT HON. ARTHUR BALFOUR.—"HOPE YOU'LL BE FIT AGAIN SOON. I'LL DO MY BEST WHILE YOU'RE AWAY."

* * In consequence of the indisposition of Lord Salisbury, many of his duties at the Foreign Office devolved on Mr. Balfour.



SENTINELS.

* * Great Britain had obtained from China a lease of Wei-Hai-Wei, in order to restore the balance of power disturbed by Russia's acquisition of Port Arthur.



“ WELL DONE, ALL ! ”

ATBARA, APRIL, 8, 1898.

* * General Kitchener had utterly defeated the Khalifa's Emir, Mahmoud, who was encamped on the banks of the Atbara river.



THE DUELLO.

"OH, THE PITY OF IT!"

** The United States had declared war against Spain in consequence of that Power's misrule in Cuba.



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HONOUR À LA Russe.

BRITISH LION.—“WHAT! NOT COME IN HERE! WHY, YOU GAVE ME YOUR WORD!”

RUSSIAN BEAR.—“MY FRIEND! HOW YOU MISUNDERSTAND ME!”

BRITISH LION.—“DO I! ALL RIGHT! NEVER NO MORE!”

* * * When the Russians occupied Talien-Wan, it was understood that it was to be a free port.



THE PRIZE BRAND.

COUSIN JONATHAN.—“THESE LOOK VERY NICE! WONDER IF THEY’LL BE THE BETTER FOR KEEPING!”

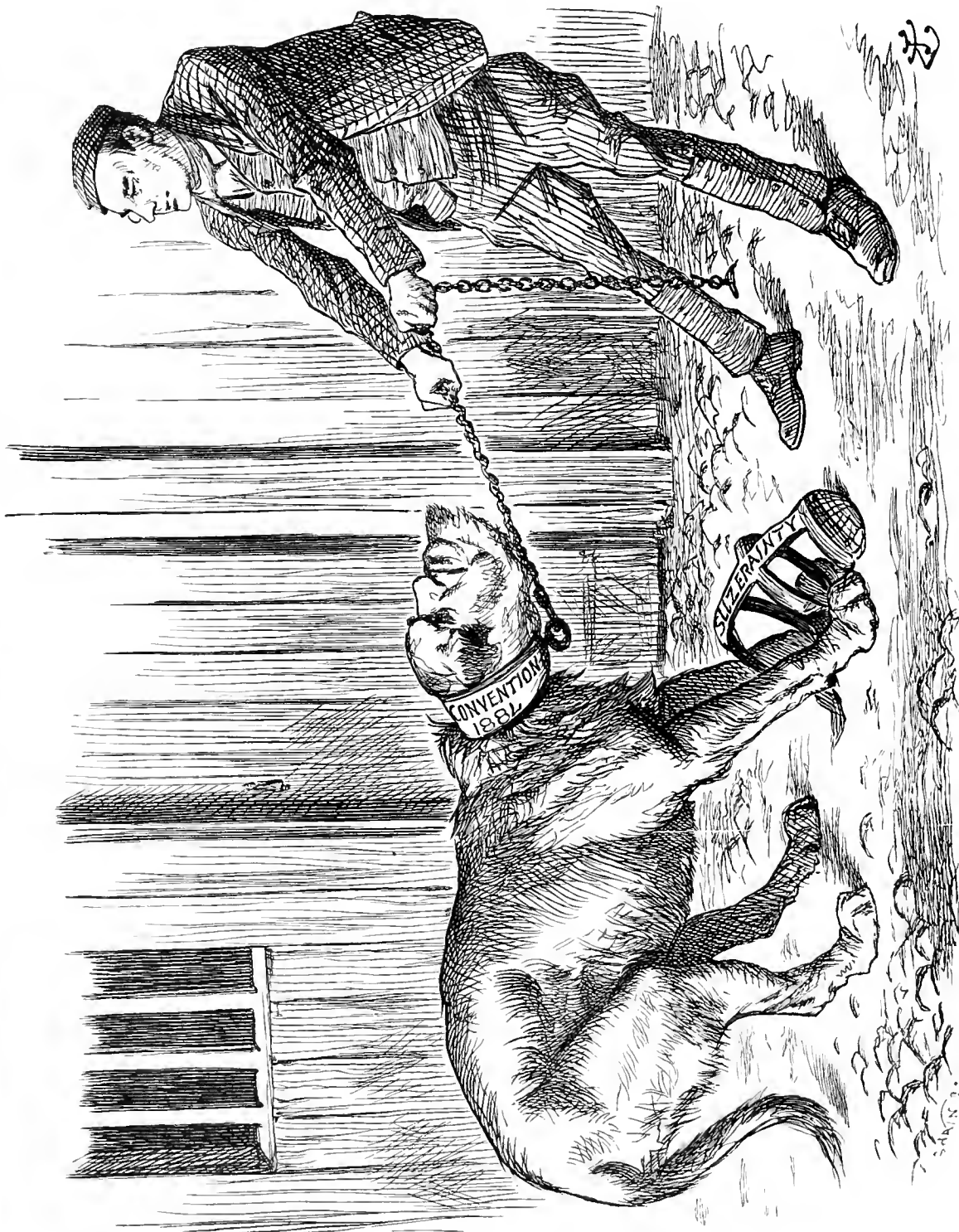
* * The United States’ squadron from Hong Kong had suddenly and unobserved entered the fortified harbour of Manila and completely destroyed the Spanish fleet.



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MAY 19, 1898.

* * William Ewart Gladstone, the great English statesman, and the revered leader of the Liberal party, died on this date, and was buried in Westminster Abbey. He had been four times Prime Minister.



THE BOËR-HOUND:

JOE CHAMBERLAIN (*to clever old dog*, KR-G-R).—"SLIP YOUR MUZZLE, WOULD YOU? WELL, ANYHOW, YOU CAN'T SLIP YOUR COLLAR!"

* * By the Convention concluded in 1884 between Great Britain and the Boers, the South African Republic was declared to be under British suzerainty. President Krüger, though willing to abide by the Convention, now refused to recognise the suzerainty.



THREE'S COMPANY. TWO'S NONE.

BRITANNIA.—“VERY GLAD TO SEE YOU TWO, MY DEARS, IN THE SAME BOAT. I’LL COME, TOO, IF THERE’S ROOM!”

. An International Commission had been appointed to settle the outstanding differences between the United States and Canada.



WHAT WILL THEY DO WITH 'EM?

.. The German Emperor had bestowed the Order of the Black Eagle on the Emperor of China, and in return he had received the First Class Double Dragon.



A WELCOME INTRUDER.

PEACE.—“YOU’VE BEEN AT IT FOR SOME TIME, GENTLEMEN. DON’T YOU THINK YOU’D BETTER LET ME STEP IN?”

* * * The Spanish-American war still continued, with great losses on both sides. Efforts were being made to bring about a peaceful settlement, but Spain was determined to carry on the war *a outrance*.



THE NEW CANUTE.

THE KING'S CHAMBERLAIN.—"MY LIEGE, HAVE I NOT BID YOU SAY, 'THUS FAR, AND NO FURTHER'?"
 KING (SALISBURY) CANUTE.—"OH, I DENY! I HAVEN'T SEEN A COPY OF YOUR SPEECH—BUT I THINK WE'D BETTER MOVE BACK A BIT!"
 * * Russia's demands and encroachments on Chinese territory were steadily increasing. Mr. Chamberlain advocated a more active policy on the part of Great Britain.



THE NEXT NAVAL MANŒUVRE.

JACK TAR (to Welsh Miner on strike).—"LOOK HERE,—ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE US THAT COAL, OR MUST I FETCH IT MYSELF?"

* * The naval manœuvres were abandoned in consequence of the great coal strike in South Wales diminishing the supply of suitable coal.



“ ADVANCE, AUSTRALIA ! ”

AUSTRALIA.—“ NOT TO-DAY, POSTMAN. IT MAY SUIT THE OTHERS, BUT YOU DON'T LAND HERE FOR A PENNY ! ”

* * * Arrangements were made for a penny letter-post between Great Britain and Canada, Newfoundland, and the Cape Colony, etc. Australia, however, declined to adopt it.



“FLOR DE CUBA!”

(WITH THE BLOOM OFF.)

UNCLE SAM (to CUBA).—“SEE HERE! IF I'D KNOWN WHAT A BURN'D, WORTHLESS, ILL-CONDITIONED SKUNK YOU ARE, I WOULDN'T HA' LIFTED A HAND FOR YOU! BIT—NOW I'M HERE—GUESS I'M GOIN' TO STAY, AND LICK YOU INTO SHAPE!”

* * As a result of the war between the United States and Spain, the latter Power renounced her sovereignty over Cuba, and the Philippines were ceded to the United States.



DOCTRINE AND PRACTICE.

DAME EUROPA (*coldly*).—"TO WHOM DO I OWE THE PLEASURE OF THIS INTRUSION?"

UNCLE S.—"MA'AM—MY NAME IS UNCLE SAM!"

DAME EUROPA.—"ANY RELATION OF THE LATE COLONEL MONROE?"

. The action of the United States in declaring war on Spain in order to secure the independence of Cuba was much criticised; cynics even asserted that the Monroe Doctrine appeared to be capable of indefinite application.



THE NEW STAR OF INDIA.

RIGHT HON. A. BALFOUR.—“OFF TO CALCUTTA ! THEN, GOOD-BYE, OLD MAN. HOPE YOU WON'T FIND IT TOO HOT !”
 RIGHT HON. G. CURZON.—“WELL ! AT TIMES WE'VE KNOWN IT TO BE FAIRLY SULTRY HERE. EH !”

. Lord Curzon of Kellleston had been appointed Viceroy of India, and was about to leave England to assume the duties of his high office.



NINETY IN THE SHADE—NOT OUT!

UMPIRE PUNCH (to W. G. SOL).—"BY JOVE, OLD MAN, YOU'VE 'BEATEN THE RECORD' *THIS TIME*, AND NO MISTAKE!"

. The heat during the latter part of August and the first fortnight in September, 1898, was oppressive in the extreme.



A FRIENDLY PROPOSAL.

THE TSAR.—“MY DEAR ALLY, PUT DOWN YOUR SWORD, AND JOIN MY LEAGUE OF PEACE.”

FRANCE.—“WHEN GERMANY RESTORES ALSACE AND LORRAINE, THEN—I WILL THINK ABOUT IT!”

. Count Mouravieff, on behalf of the Tsar, issued a circular to the representatives of foreign Powers at St. Petersburg, advocating the reduction of excessive armaments and the maintenance of general peace.



THE SLAVE OF DUTY!

ADMIRAL JOHN BULL.—“NOW THEN, OUT YOU’LL HAVE TO GO!”

THE UNSPEAKABLE.—“WHAT! LEAVE MY BEAUTIFUL CRETE IN A STATE OF DISORDER? *NEVER!*”

* * * A British ultimatum had been sent demanding the immediate evacuation of Crete by the Turkish troops, in consequence of the outrages committed by them, the looting of foreign Consulates, etc.



BUSINESS RESUMED.

[*] Lord Salisbury having recovered from his recent indisposition, had resumed his important duties at the Foreign Office.



THE ARTFUL DOWAGER.

EMPERESS DOWAGER OF CHINA (*to the Son of Heaven*).—"REFORM, INDEED! I'LL REFORM YOU! GO AND STAND IN THE CORNER TILL I TELL YOU TO COME OUT!"

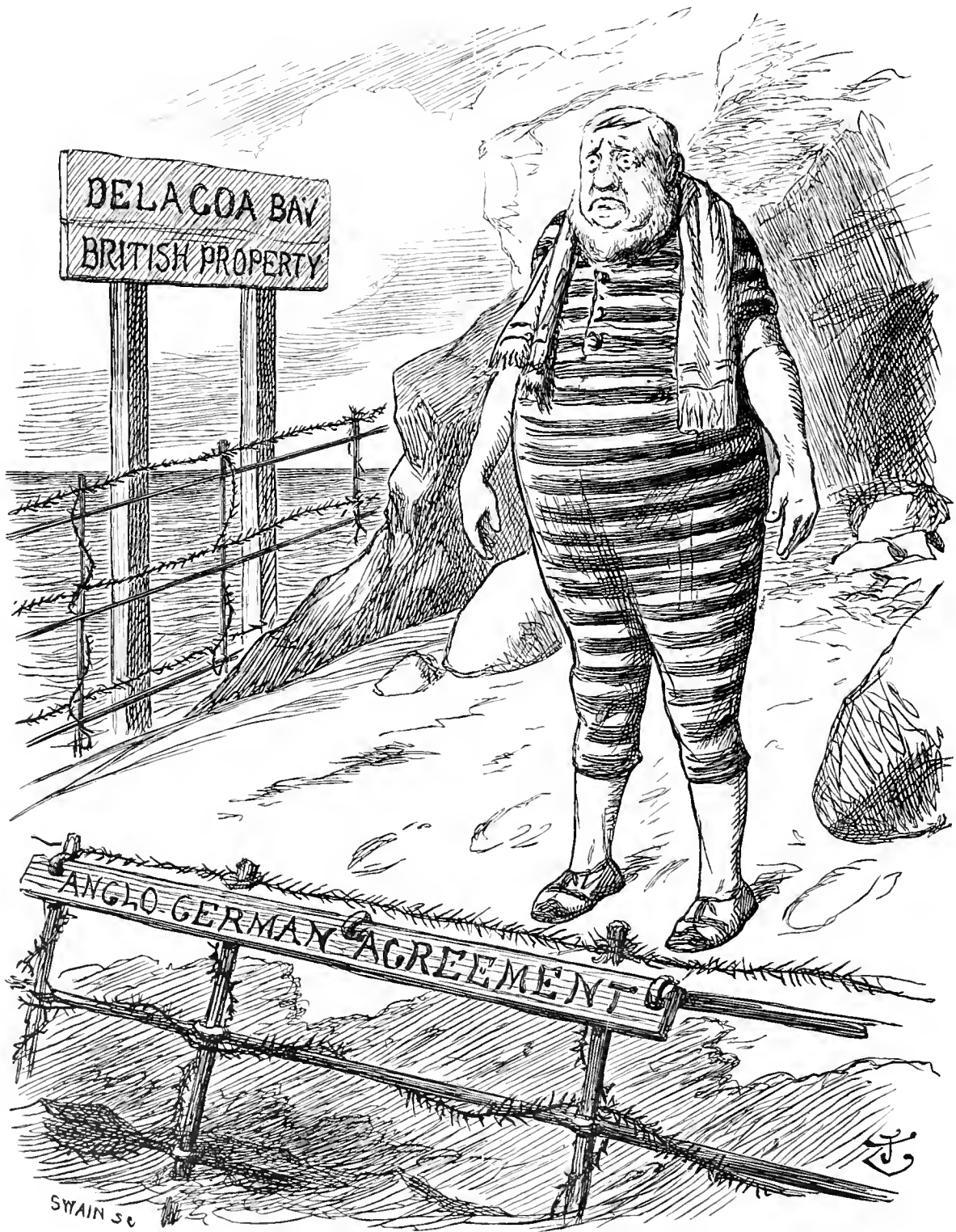
.. It had been reported that much-needed reforms were about to be carried out in China, but the Empress suddenly resumed her Regency, with the result that some members of the Reform party were executed, and others dismissed from office.



MARCHEZ ! MARCHAND !

GENERAL JOHN BULL (to MAJOR MARCHAND).—"COME, PROFESSOR, YOU'VE HAD A NICE LITTLE SCIENTIFIC TRIP. I'VE SMASHED THE DERVISHES—LUCKILY FOR YOU—AND NOW I RECOMMEND YOU TO PACK UP YOUR FLAGS, AND GO HOME!!"

* * * After crushing the Dervishes at Omdurman, General Kitchener discovered Major Marchand and a small French force at Fashoda. General Kitchener left a garrison there, and a diplomatic correspondence ensued with the French Government, who recalled the Major.



SOLD !

OOM PAUL (*disgusted*).—"WHY, I CAN'T GET TO THE SEA AT ALL !"

. President Krüger was unsuccessful in his pertinacious efforts to secure a seaboard for the South African Republic.



ON THE BRINK.

... Rumours were afloat of a contemplated military *coup d'état*, 50,000 labourers were out on strike in Paris, and it seemed as if France was on the verge of anarchy and ruin.



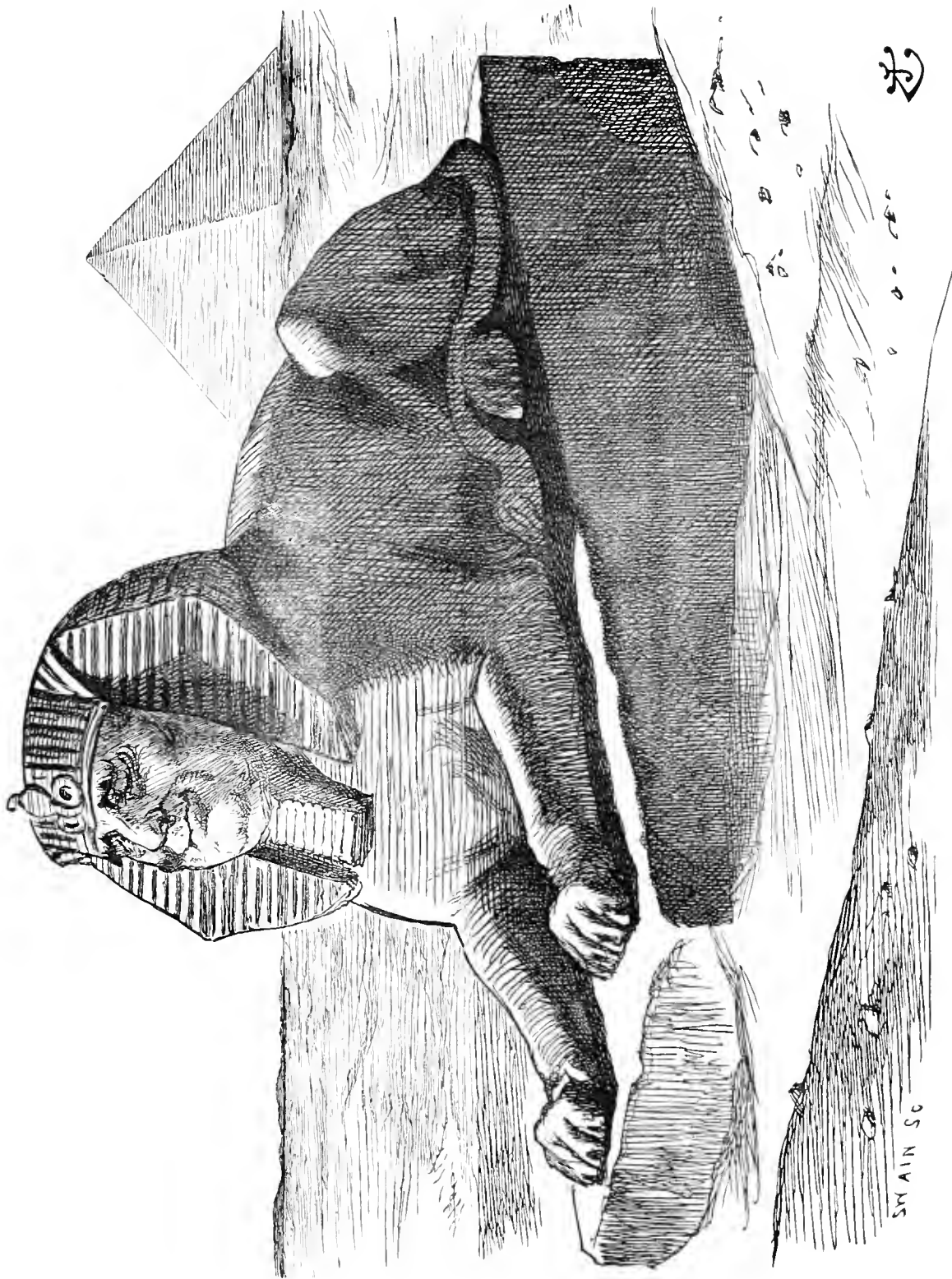
READY FOR ANYTHING !

ADMIRAL JOHN BULL.—“ALL RIGHT, CAPTAIN ?”

CAPTAIN SALISBURY, R.N.—“ALL RIGHT, SIR !”

ADMIRAL JOHN BULL.—“GOOD ! YOU KNOW THE COURSE,—STICK TO IT ! !”

*. * Lord Salisbury's tact in the control of the Foreign Office was generally recognised, even by his political antagonists.



A FIXTURE.

* * The conquest of the Soudan appeared to indicate a permanence of the British occupation of Egypt.



“ MEN WERE DECEIVERS EVER ! ”

FRANCE.—“ WELL !—BETWEEN FRIENDS—I CAN ONLY SAY, THE WAY THAT RUSSIA HAS TREATED ME——!! ”

ITALY.—“ AH ! AND IF I COULD TELL YOU WHAT I’VE GONE THROUGH WITH THAT AUSTRIA AND GERMANY——!!! ”

. Doubts were beginning to be entertained in Italy as to the value of the Triple Alliance, and France was not altogether satisfied with the probable benefits of her alliance with Russia.



“DREAMING TRUE.”

* * General Gordon's sanguine dream of the ultimate regeneration of the Soudan had at last been realised. At a meeting held at the Mansion House it was resolved to support Lord Kitchener's proposal to found a Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum.



UNDER THE MISTLETOE.

MISS WILHEIMINA HARCOURT (to MISS JOANNA MORLEY).—"REALLY, MY DEAR, I DON'T THINK IT SEEMS MUCH USE OUR STAYING HERE ANY LONGER. . . . THEY WON'T COME!"

*. Sir William Harcourt had written to Mr. John Morley announcing his retirement from the leadership of the Liberal party.



A NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

* * * Thanks to Mr. Henniker Heaton an Imperial Penny Postage was established between Great Britain and every part of the British Empire, except Australasia and the Cape. Subsequently New Zealand and the Cape came into the scheme, which was also extended to Rhodesia, British Bechuanaland, Orange River Colony and the Transvaal.



SUSPENSE !

MADAME LA RÉPUBLIQUE (*to herself*).—"MON DIEU ! WILL HE TITEN ON ME !"

** Royalist emissaries were busy intriguing in France, and doubts were entertained respecting the loyalty of the army to the Republic.



A DAZZLING FUTURE.

FIRST YOUNG WORKMAN.—“LOOK ‘ERE, BILL, AS FAR AS I CAN SIZE IT UP, IF YOU AND ME BEGIN PUTTIN’ BY IMMEDIATE, AND DON’T GET LOCKED OUT, OR LAID UP, OR DIE, OR ANYTHING O’ THAT! BY THE TIME WE’RE SIXTY-FIVE WE SHALL COME INTO A MATTER OF ‘AIRP-A-CROWN A WEEK FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES!!!”

SECOND YOUNG WORKMAN.—“OH, LOU!”

... Mr. Chamberlain's Old Age Pensions Scheme proposed the establishment of a State Pension Fund, aided by Parliamentary grants and contributions from local rates and annuitants.



THE NEW MAN.

WILLIAM HARCOURT (*who has left the situation*).—"WELL, 'ENRY BANNERMAN, SO YOU'VE TOOK THE PLACE, 'AVE YOU? I WISH YOU JOY! SHE USED TO BE A LIBERAL OLD PARTY, BUT NOW SHE'S THAT CONTRAIRY THERE'S NO LIVING WITH HER!"

. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman had been unanimously elected leader of the Liberal party in succession to Sir William Harcourt.



HARCOURT'S PASTORAL.

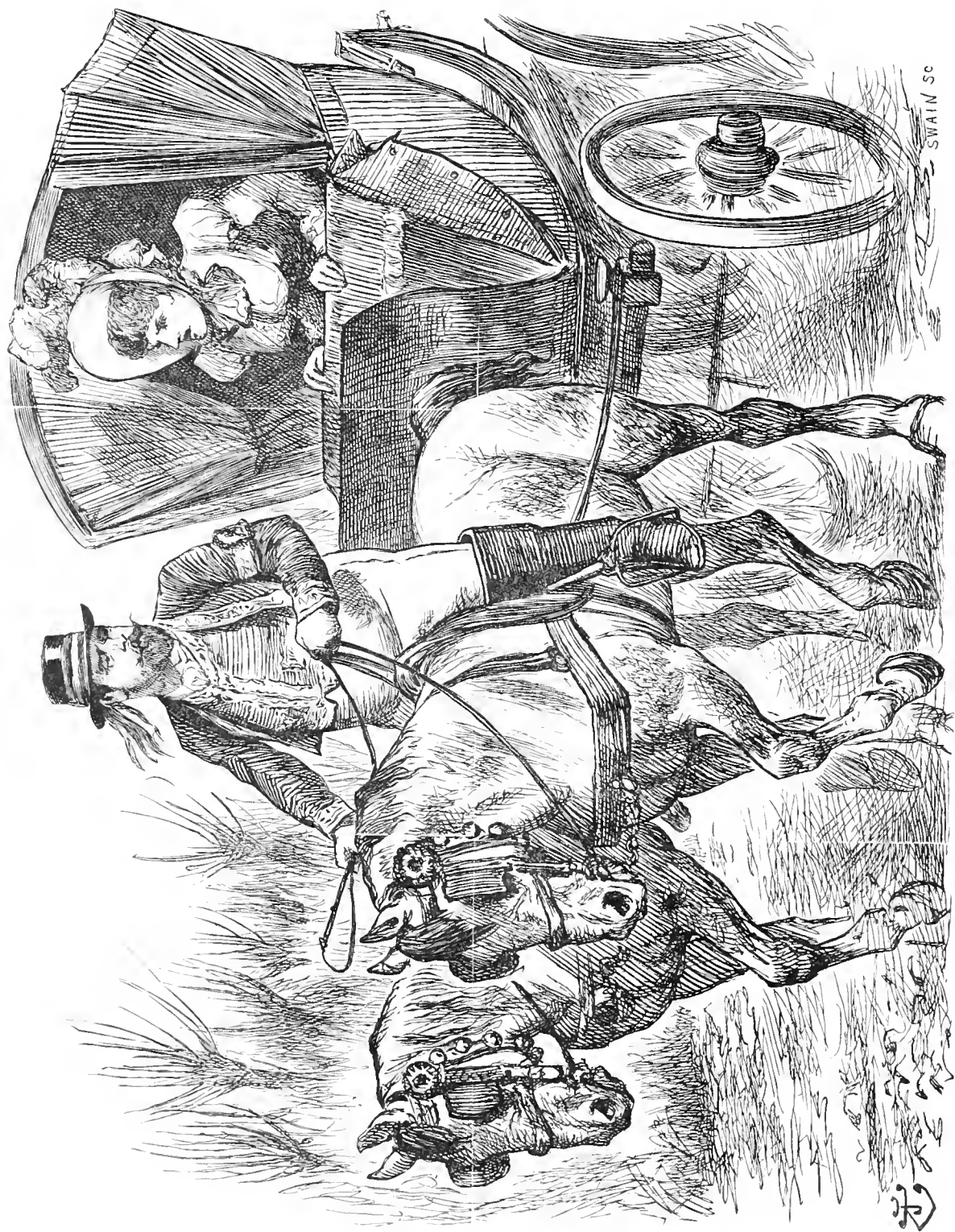
"BID ME TO LIVE, AND I WILL LIVE,
 THY PROTESTANT TO BE!"
 ROBERT HERRICK'S "*To Anthea, who may command him anything.*"

. Sir William Harcourt, having retired from the arduous post of leader of the Liberal party, was now enjoying a well-earned holiday.



HOURS OF IDLENESS.

*. * The Lord Chancellor (Lord Halsbury) was having an easy time in the House of Lords, a striking decline in the judicial business having taken place.



THE NEW POSTILLION.

MADAME LA FRANCE (*parrois*).—"POSTILLION LOUBET ! ARE YOU QUITE SURE YOU KNOW THE WAY ?"
 * * M. Emile Loubet had been elected President of the French Republic in succession to M. Faure, who had died suddenly of heart disease.



ALICE IN BUMBLELAND.

THE GRYPHON . . . CITY OF LONDON. ALICE . . . THE RIGHT HON. A. J. B-L-E-R. THE MOCK TURTLE . . . CITY OF WESTMINSTER.
 "WHAT IS THE USE OF REPEATING THAT STUFF," THE MOCK TURTLE INTERRUPTED, "IF YOU DON'T EXPLAIN IT AS YOU GO ON? IT'S BY FAR THE
 MOST CONFUSING THING I EVER HEARD!"
 "Mr. Balfour's London Government Bill created subordinate municipalities in the place of existing vestries and district boards. The City and the London County
 Council were not interfered with. Westminster was reconstituted a city."



CAPE TO CAIRO.

MR. C-C-L RH-D-S (the "practical man").—"THEN, SIR, MAY I TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THAT YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION TO OUR LINE RUNNING THROUGH YOUR PROPERTY?"

KAISER WILLIAM (quite equal to the occasion).—"NONE WHATEVER. FOR A CONSIDERATION."

*. Mr. Cecil Rhodes had an interview with the German Emperor in connection with the extension through German territory of the Cape to Cairo Railway



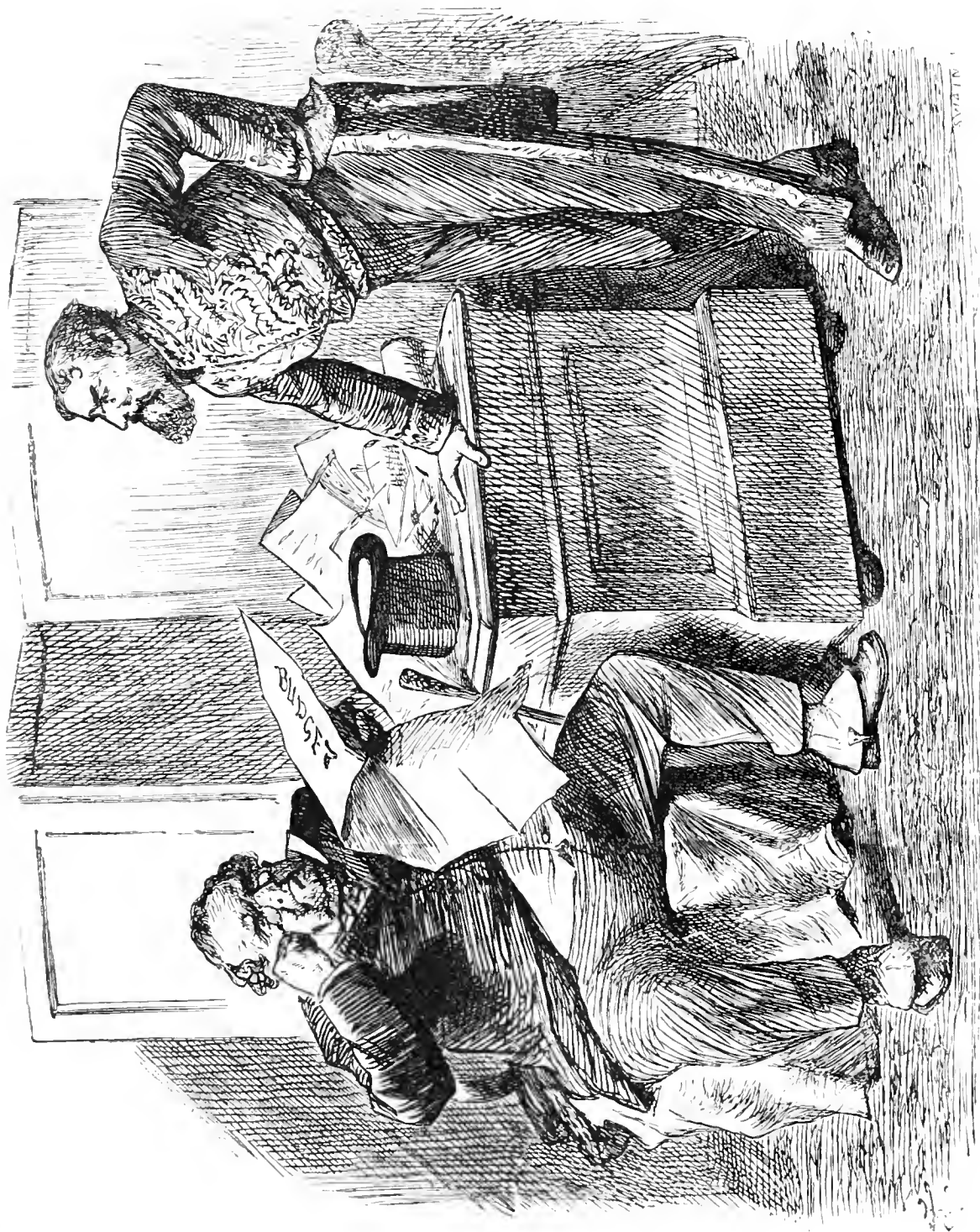
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"ALL THE COMFORTS OF A HOME!"

JOHN BULL (*Inspector of Transvaal Schools*).—"LOOK HERE, MR. KRÜGER! I'VE JUST RECEIVED THIS COMPLAINT FROM THE BOYS. PERHAPS YOU'LL KINDLY INFORM ME WHAT IT MEANS?"

MR. KRÜGER (*Headmaster*).—"COMPLAINTS, MR. BULL! I'VE HEARD NO COMPLAINTS! WHY, THEY'RE AS HAPPY AS THE DAY IS LONG!"

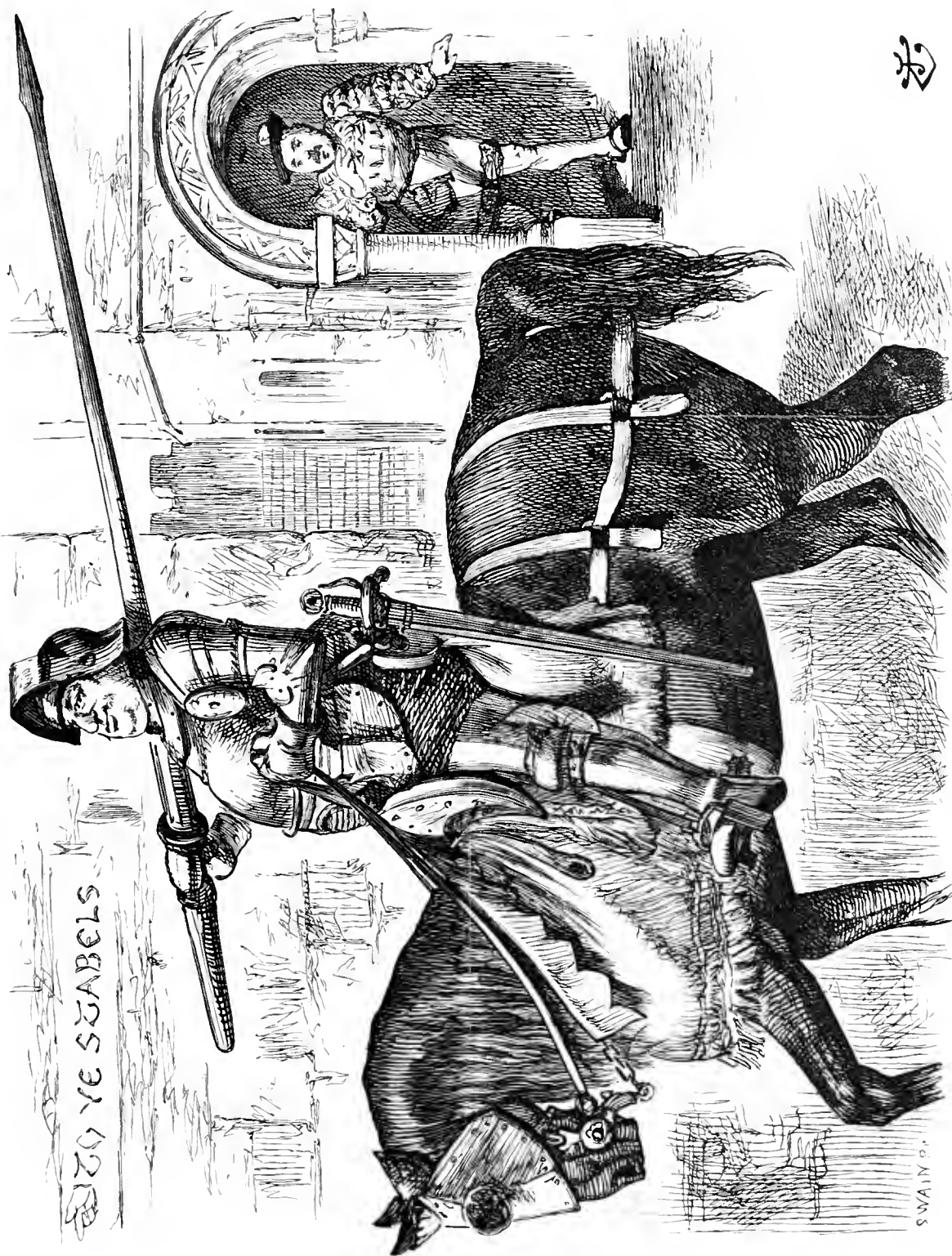
*. * A petition to the Queen, signed by 23,000 Uitlanders, setting forth various grievances connected with the franchise, dynamite monopoly, etc., had been forwarded by Sir Alfred Milner, High Commissioner for South Africa.



“ ‘ JOHN’S’ COMFORTER ! ”

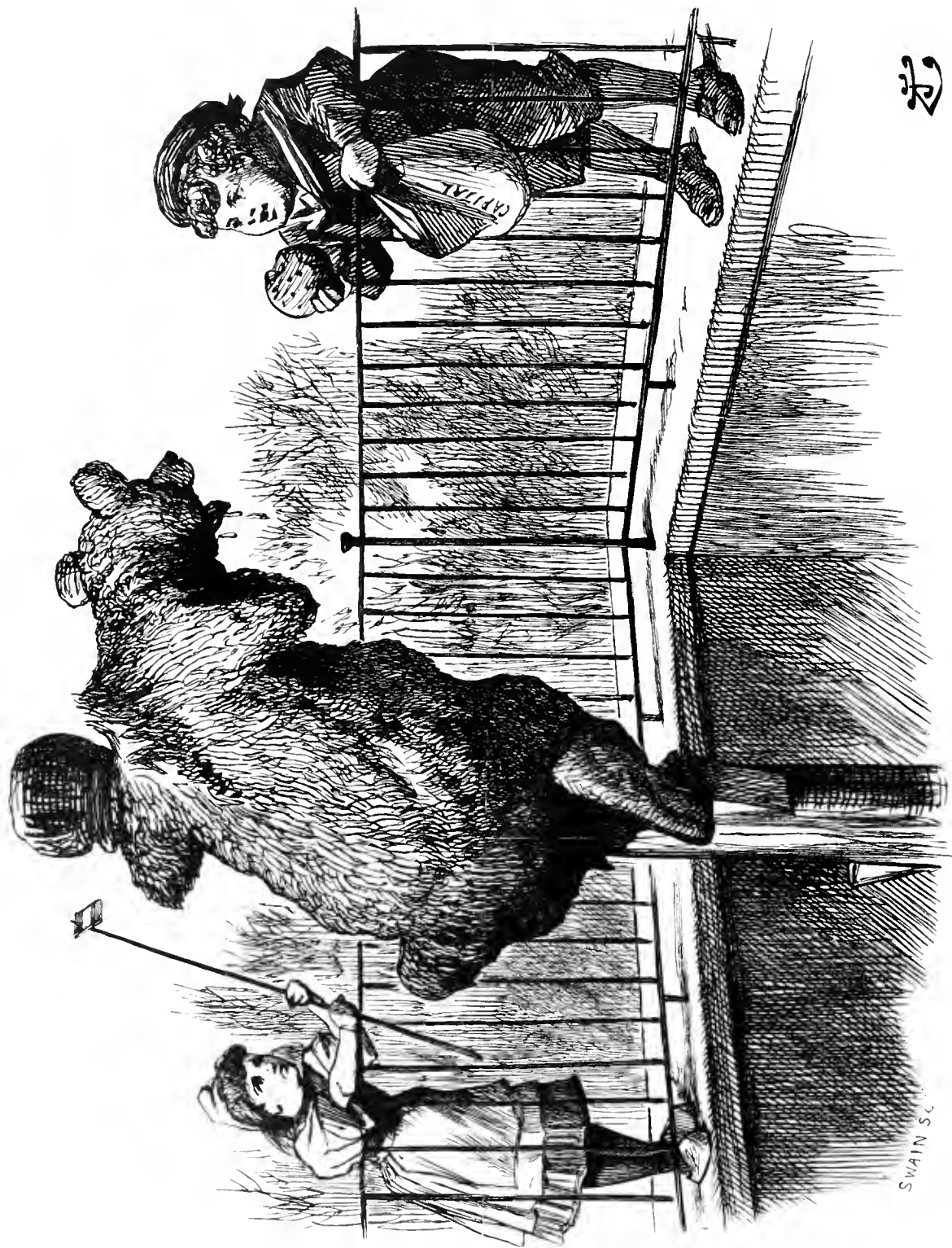
JOHN BULL.—“ WHAT ! I’M IN FOR ALL THIS DEFICIT ! WHAT’S TO BECOME OF ME IN MY OLD AGE ? ”
 SIR M CH L H—CKS-B—CH.—“ WELL—WHEN YOU’RE OVER SIXTY-FIVE, I’RAIS MY FRIEND, MR. CHAMBERLAIN, WILL SEE HIS WAY TO ALLOW YOU’ FIVE SHILLINGS A WEEK ! ”

* * A deficit was shown in the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s Budget of £13,882,000, which was met by an increase in the Stamp and Wine Duties.



THE FREE-LANCE!

SIR H. CAMPBELL-BARNES (to himself).—"HEAVEN HELP US! HERE'S OUR CHAMPION BACK AGAIN!"
 * * Sir William Harcourt had returned to the House of Commons after a long holiday. He was now untrammelled by the cares of office.



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THE BRITISH BUN.

RUSSIAN BEAR (*to himself*),—"NONE OF YOUR 'FRENCH KICKSHAWNS' FOR ME. GIVE ME THE BRITISH BUN!"

* * * Russia, having succeeded in raising heavy loans in France, was now turning her attention to English capitalists.



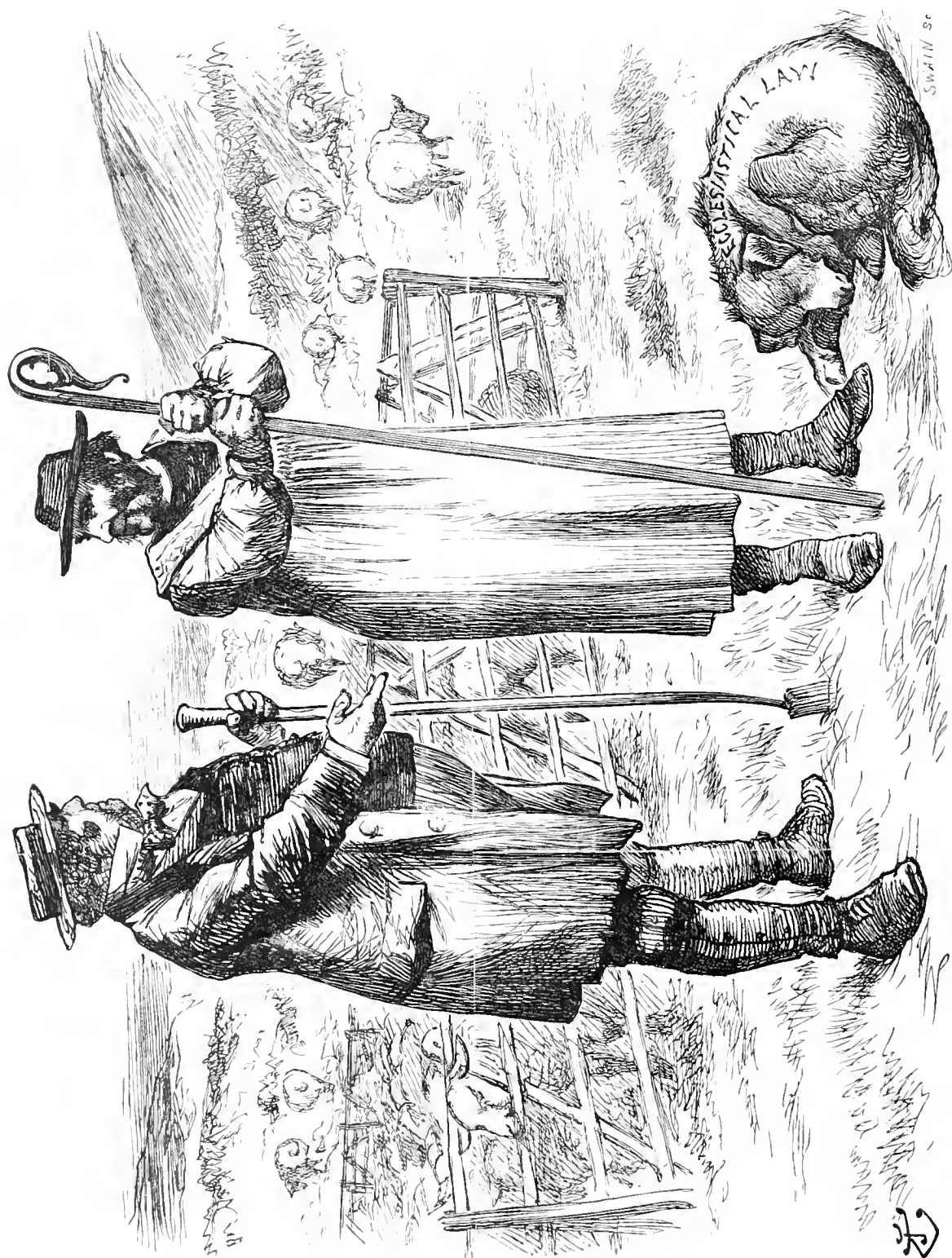
MORAL SUASION.

SIR ALFRED MILNER sings:—

THERE WAS A "HIGH COMM." WHO SAID, "HOW
SHALL I TACKLE THIS WILLY OLD COW,"

I WILL SIT ON THIS STILE
AND CONTINUE TO SMILE,
WHICH MAY SOFTEN THE HEART OF THIS COW!"

* * Sir Alfred Milner, the High Commissioner for South Africa, held a conference at Bloemfontein with President Krüger to discuss the grievances under which the Uitlanders were suffering, and to endeavour to arrive at an amicable settlement.



“WAKE HIM UP!”

FARMER BULL.—“IF THAT DOG OF YOURS CAN'T KEEP THE SHEEP FROM STRAYING, I MUST GET YOU ANOTHER!”

*. * The agitation against ritualistic practices in the Church of England was daily increasing, and a deputation, representing 10,000 laymen, had waited on the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace.



AT LAST!

"." The Dreyfus case had been submitted for revision to the Court of Cassation, and that Court had ordered a fresh trial. The Captain was brought back from the Ile du Diable and taken to Rennes to be again tried.



THE SMILE THAT FAILED.

SIR ALFRED MILLNER *again sings*:-

THERE WAS A "HIGH COMM." WHO SAID, "NOW
I'VE CONFERRED WITH THIS WILY OLD COW!"

I HAVE SAT ON THIS STILE,
AND CONTINUED TO SMILE.

BUT IT'S HAD NO EFFECT ON THE COW!"

* * At a conference held at Bloemfontein, Sir Alfred Milner's proposals were rejected by President Krüger, who made counter proposals, which also were declared to be unacceptable. The conference broke up without any result being arrived at.



“DOGS OF WAR.”

OOM PAUL.—“MAY I ASK IF THOSE DOGS ARE INTENDED FOR ANY SPECIAL PURPOSE?”

J-E CH-MU-RL-N.—“WELL, GUV’NOR, THAT’S AS MAY BE! MERELY GIVIN’ ’EM A LITTLE GENTLE EXERCISE!”

* * Mr. Chamberlain warmly espoused the cause of the Ulstermen, and declared the intention of the British Government to support them in their demands.



THE AMATEUR CHEMIST.

SCIENTIFIC MARKISS.—“DEAR ME! I’M AFRAID I’VE MADE A MISTAKE. THERE’S SO MUCH EVAPORATION!”

[“LORD SALISBURY has for many years been an earnest student of chemistry.”—*St. James’s Gazette*.]

. A resolution in the House of Lords, calling attention to the question of compensating Irish Landlords for losses caused by recent legislation, had been carried against the Government.



DEATH INSURANCE.

BORG'S INSURANCE SNEAK (*insinuatingly*).—"ANY CHILDREN OR OTHER RELATIVES TO BE INSURED TO-DAY. *No QUESTIONS ASKED.*"

POLICE-CONSTABLE JOHN BULL (*on his butt, sotto voce*).—"THERE WILL BE A FEW QUESTIONS TO ASK YOU, MY MAN, BEFORE LONG!"

. The mortality amongst children had of late been largely on the increase, and inquiries were being instituted as to the probable cause and remedy.



“THE BETTER PART OF VALOUR.”

MR. PUNCH (“everybody’s friend,” to the COLONIAL SECRETARY).—“NOW, MR. CHAMBERLAIN, ALL THAT’S NECESSARY IS AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN YOU AND OOM PAUL, INSTEAD OF AN EXCHANGE OF SHOTS, AND *THEY* YOU CAN SHAKE HANDS.”

.. Mr. Chamberlain suggested that a joint inquiry should be made by the Transvaal Republic and the Imperial Government into the grievances complained of by the Uitlanders.



“ SOMETHING LARGE AND ROUND.”

IT WAS A SUMMER EVENING,
 OLD GAFFER'S WORK WAS DONE,
 AND HE BEFORE HIS COTTAGE DOOR
 WAS SITTING IN THE SUN,
 AND BY HIM TROTTED OUT AND IN
 HIS LITTLE CHERUB, CHAPPELIN.

OLD GAFFER SAW THE LUSTY LAD
 HOLD SOMETHING LARGE AND ROUND,
 WHICH HE IN SPORTING WITH HIS MATES
 HAD CASUALLY FOUND ;
 QUOTH HE, “ NOW TELL ME WHAT IS THAT
 WHICH LOOKS SO ROUND AND SMOOTH
 AND FAT ? ”

YOUNG CHAPPELIN WAS FULL OF MIRTH,
 HE TWINKLED WITH HIS EYE,
 AND THUS ADDRESSED THE AGED MAN
 WHO SAT EXPECTANT BY :
 “ ONLY ANOTHER DOLE,” SAID HE ;
 “ IT IS A FAMOUS MINISTRY ! ”

. A Committee of the House of Commons had reported in favour of Old Age Pensions of at least five shillings a week to needy persons over sixty-five, the cost to be borne by the Exchequer and the local rates.



A FREE HAND!

HARTRUP B. (to the Butler).—"WELL, THANK 'EVINS, MR. SALISBURY, THEY 'VE ALL LEFT THE 'OUSE!"
 JOE (the Buttons).—"NOW WE CAN DO JUST AS WE LIKE, AND NO QUESTIONS ARST."

. Parliament had been prorogued, and the Government, it was thought, would in the interim have a free hand in the South African and other questions.



HIS STRONGEST WITNESS.

TRUTH to CAPTAIN DREYFUS.—“COURAGE ! MON CAPITAINE !”

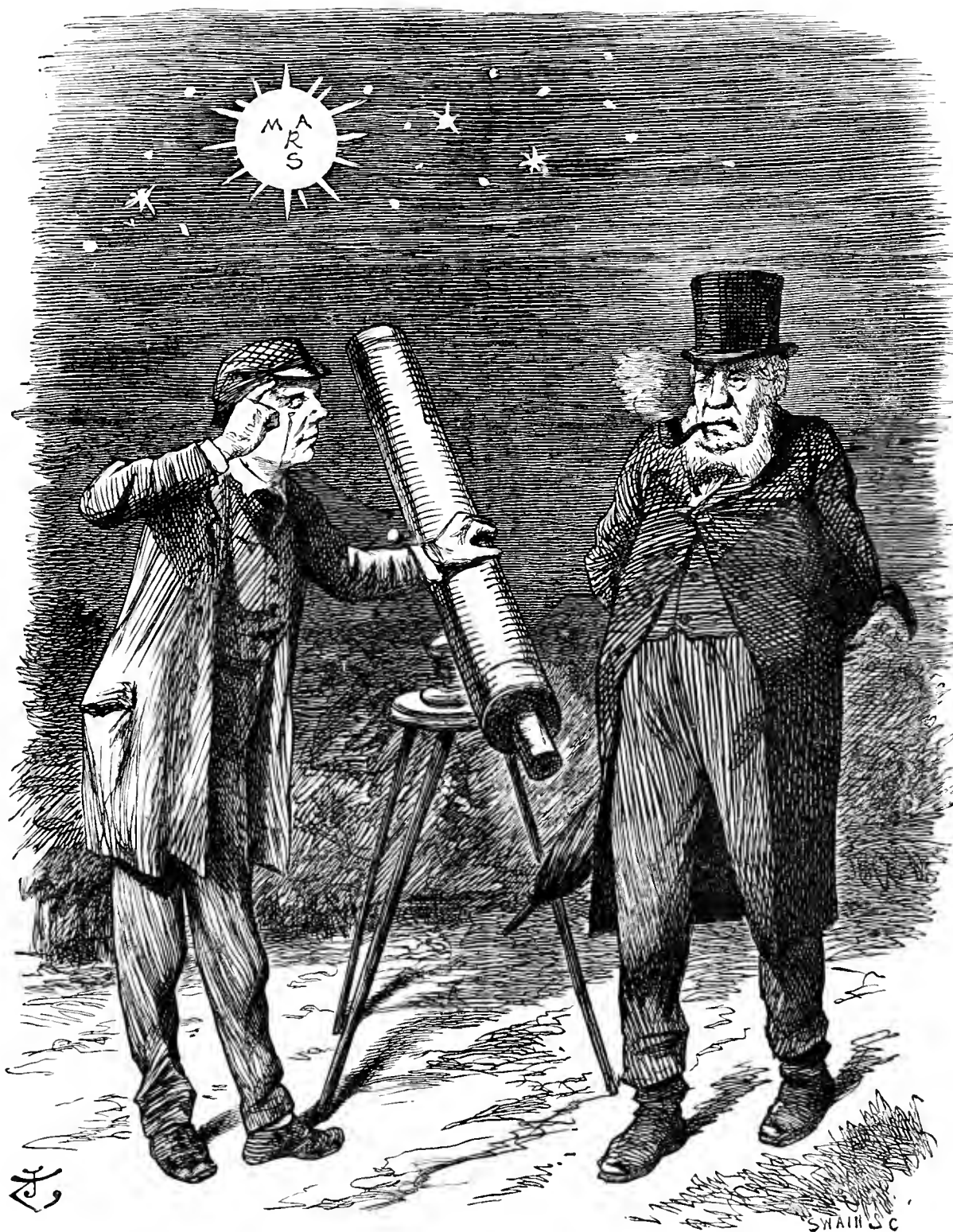
. The court-martial for the re-trial of Captain Dreyfus, who, in 1894, had been convicted of high treason, was being held at Rennes, and the evidence appeared conclusive in favour of his innocence.



OPEN AT LAST!

RUSSIAN BEAR (*politely*).—"COME IN, MISS. How COULD I KEEP MY DOOR CLOSED AGAINST YOU!"

* * * Ta-lien-wan had at last been made a free port. Considerable doubt had prevailed as to the intentions of Russia.



THE WAR PLANET.

COLONIAL JOE.—“LIKE TO 'AVE A LOOK AT MARS, YER 'ONOUR? YER SEEM TO SEE 'IM QUITE CLOSE THROUGH MY TELESCOPE!”

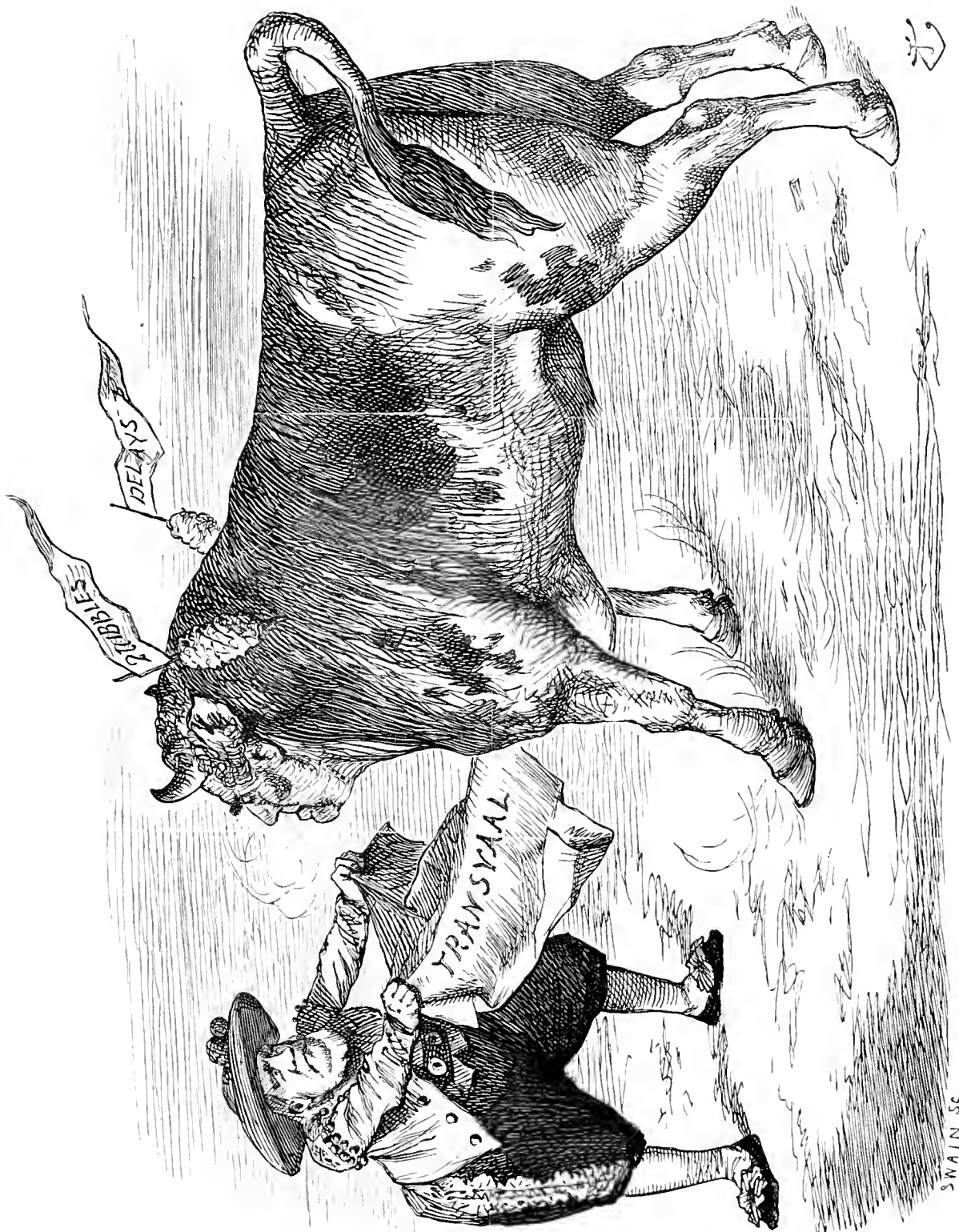
. The Boers were busily engaged in preparation for war. Mr. Chamberlain, in a vigorous speech, delivered at Birmingham, warned the Transvaal Government of the serious consequences of the step they were contemplating.



AFTER THE TRIAL.

THE VOICE OF CIVILISATION.—“REMEMBER YOUR GLORIOUS PAST, REGARD THE FUTURE, AND ONCE AGAIN MERIT MY ESTEEM.”

“There was a strong feeling of indignation throughout Europe when the result of the Rennes court-martial on Captain Dreyfus became known, and meetings were held in all parts to express sympathy with him.”



ALL A TOSS-UP.

* * The Imperial Government displayed great moderation in withstanding the insolent demands of the Transvaal Republic, but at last insisted on formulating their own proposals.



A WORD TO THE UN-WISE.

JOHN BULL (to ORANGE FREE STATE).—"STAND ASIDE, YOUNG MAN—I'VE NO QUARREL WITH YOU!"

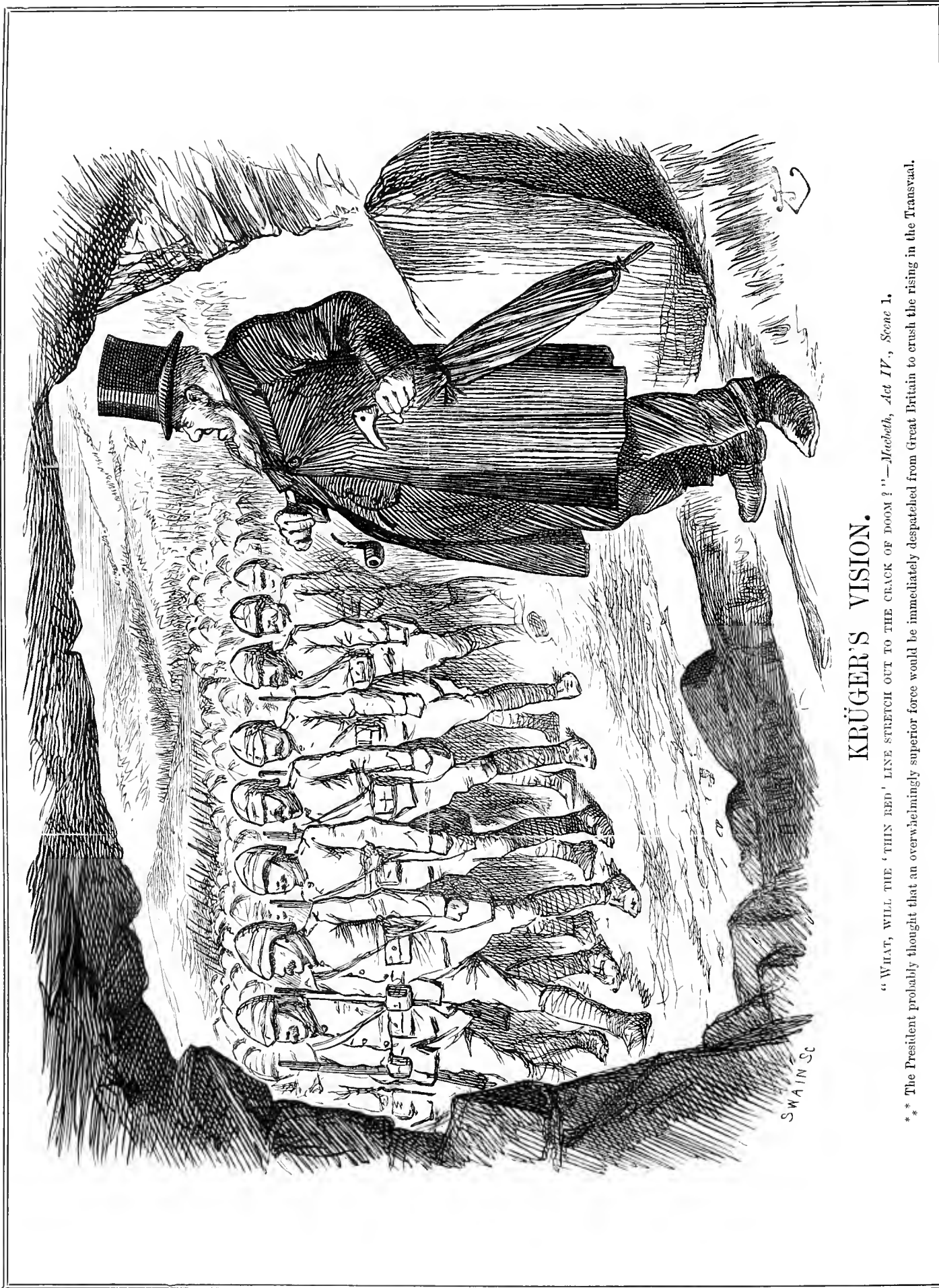
•• The Orange Free State espoused the cause of the Transvaal, and President Steyn made a defiant speech at the opening of the Raad.



PLAIN ENGLISH.

JOHN BULL (to BOER).—"AS YOU WILL FIGHT, YOU SHALL HAVE IT. *THIS TIME IT'S A FIGHT TO A FINISH.*"

•• The Transvaal Republic having sent an insolent ultimatum to Great Britain, requiring the withdrawal within forty-eight hours of the British forces from the Boer frontiers, the Imperial Government refused to discuss the matter.



KRÜGER'S VISION.

"WHAT, WILL THE 'THIN RED' LINE STRETCH OUT TO THE CRACK OF DOOM?"—*Macbeth, Act IV., Scene 1.*

** The President probably thought that an overwhelming superior force would be immediately despatched from Great Britain to crush the rising in the Transvaal.



BRITANNIA CONSOLATRIX.

"I WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU ! YOUR MAN HAS GONE TO DO HIS DUTY—AND I WILL DO MINE !"

. A Transvaal War Relief Fund for widows and orphans of those killed in the war was organised, the Queen subscribing £1,000. Other Funds were also started to alleviate the hardships of the wives and children of soldiers fighting in the Transvaal.



RESERVED FORCE !

JOHN BULL.—"AH ! YOU'VE FOUGHT HARD FOR THE SYSTEM—AND IT'S WORKING WELL !"

LORD WOLSELEY.—"YES—IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR CARDWELL WE SHOULD HAVE HAD NO MEN TO MOBILISE !"

* * The Commander-in-Chief was indefatigable at the War Office, and the mobilisation of the Reserves was being rapidly carried out. Lord Cardwell's Army Enlistment Act of 1870 created an Army Reserve and initiated the new Army system.



THE MEDDLESOME BOY.

JOE (to himself).—"WONDER HOW IT'S GETTING ON!"

LORD S-L-S-B-RY (Head Gardener).—"I DO WISH HE'D LET THINGS ALONE!"

. The activity displayed by Mr. Chamberlain at the Colonial Office did not always meet with the approval of his more cautious colleague, Lord Salisbury.



TRYING A NEW SONG.

EMPEROR WILLIAM sings (*jocularly*).—"YOU CAN'T GO WRONG IN A NAUTICAL SONG
If YOU SING YEO-HO! YEO-HO! NOW, GENTLEMEN, CHORUS, IF YOU PLEASE!"
(*Chorus without enthusiasm.*)

* * In the Reichstag, the Imperial Chancellor announced the introduction of a Bill for doubling the fighting strength of the German navy.



"DON'T YOU WISH YOU MAY GET IT!"

PANTALOON.—"JOEY! JOEY! WHERE'S MY OLD AGE PENSION?"

JOEY.—"GET ALONG! CAN'T YOU SEE I'M VERY BUSY?"

•• Mr. Chamberlain's Old Age Pensions Scheme, though frequently discussed and reported on, had not as yet arrived at any practical result.



“ COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.”

FATHER CHRISTMAS.—“CONFOUND YOU, MISTER PRESIDENT, YOU’VE QUITE SPOILED MY SHOW THIS YEAR!”

. News had reached England of the Stormberg reverse, and of the heavy losses sustained by our troops at Magersfontein and Colenso, which cast a gloom over the Christmas festivities.



“THE OPEN DOOR.”

(AND THE CLOSED EYE.)

PORTUGUESE CUSTOMS OFFICER.—“ANYTHING TO DECLARE? NOTHING CONTRABAND, I HOPE!”
 TRADER.—“OH DEAR ME. NO!”

∴ Vast quantities of ammunition for the Boers were being landed at Delagoa Bay under various disguises, and allowed to pass unquestioned by the Portuguese Customs officials. The British Government, having no power of search, were unable to prevent its introduction.



WILL IT EXPLODE ?

. A correspondence between a Colonial Office official and Mr. Hawksley, solicitor to the Chartered Company of South Africa, appeared in the *Indépendance Belge*, suggesting Mr. Chamberlain's complicity in the Jameson Raid.



THE INNOCENT ABROAD.

IMPERIAL RUSSIAN FRONTIER OFFICIAL (*inspecting passport*).—"ON DIPLOMATIC BUSINESS?"
 DR. LEYDS.—"OH, NO! MERELY TRAVELLING FOR PLEASURE."

. Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal representative, was at this time travelling in Europe on a secret mission, endeavouring through the Press, and in other ways, to influence public opinion in favour of the Boers.

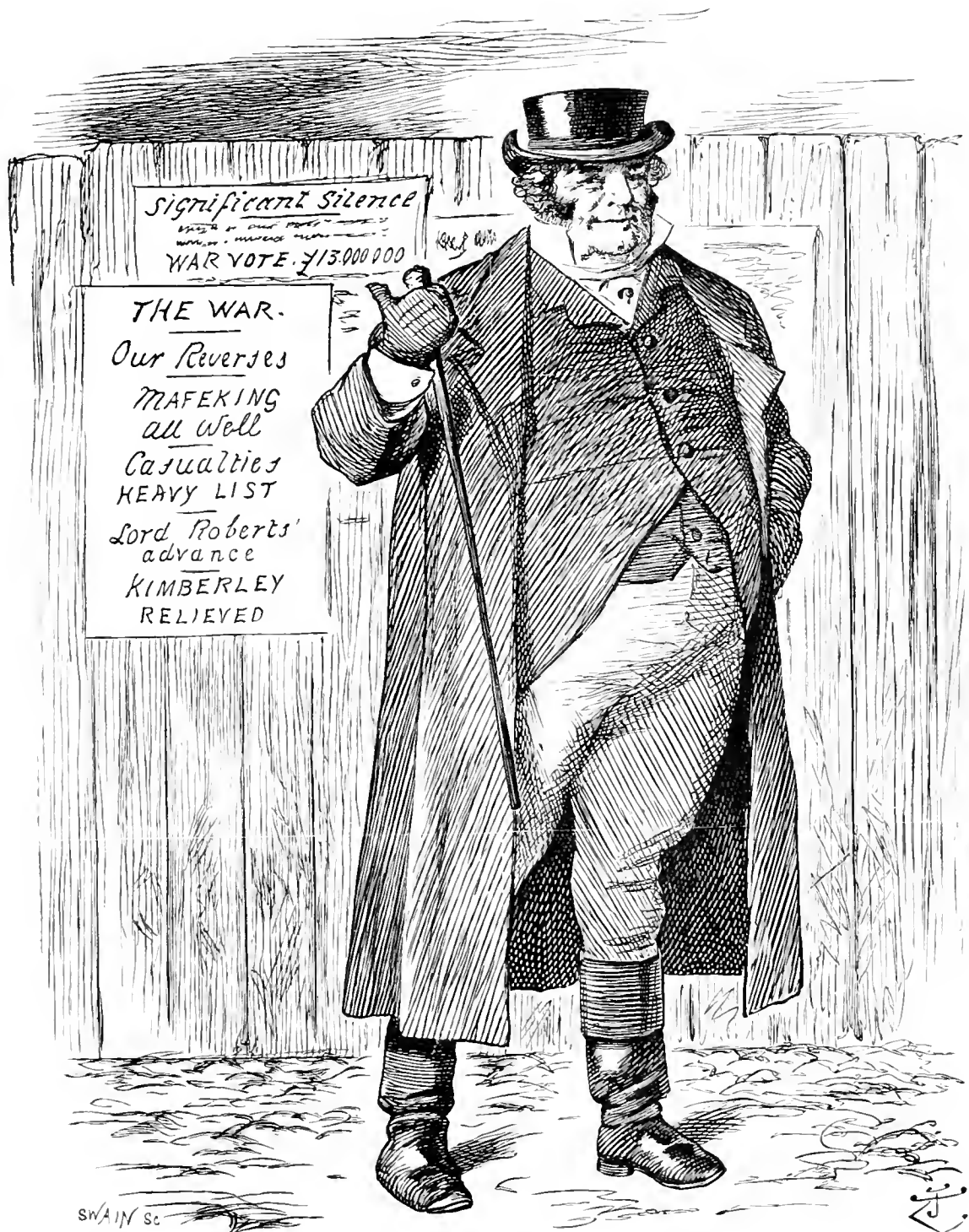


“LEAST SAID SOONEST MENDED.”

MASTER CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.—“PLEASE, SIR, I KNOW WHO DID IT.”

DR. BULL (*severely*).—“NEVER MIND WHO DID IT. GET TO WORK AND WIPE IT OFF BETWEEN YOU.”

. In the debate on the Address, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman criticised the Government for underrating the military efficiency of the Boers, and argued that the policy pursued by the Colonial Office was, in a great measure, responsible for the war.



“ NEVER SAY DIE ! ”

JOHN BULL (to himself, in the “Mark Tapley” vein).—“Now, MR. JOHN BULL, JUST YOU ATTEND TO WHAT I’VE GOT TO SAY. THINGS HAVE BEEN LOOKING ABOUT AS BAD AS THEY COULD LOOK, OLD MAN. YOU’LL NOT HAVE SUCH ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR SHOWING YOUR JOLLY DISPOSITION, MY FINE FELLOW, AS LONG AS YOU LIVE. AND, THEREFORE, JOHN B., NOW’S YOUR TIME TO COME OUT STRONG; NOW OR NEVER ! ” (And J. B. HAS come out strong at Kimberley and after.)—*Martin Chuzzlewit*, ch. xciii.

* * The war news from South Africa had hitherto been anything but cheering, but Lord Roberts was now in command, and the relief of Kimberley had apparently turned the tide in favour of British arms.



“BRAVO, BOBS!”

... The masterly strategy of Lord Roberts had at last brought General Cronje to bay, and on the 27th of February, 1900, the anniversary of the Majuba Hill disaster, he surrendered unconditionally at Paardeberg with all his forces. The news was received with great enthusiasm in England and the Colonies.



WHO SAID "DEAD" ?

** The Continental Press had been rejoicing over the British reverses in South Africa, and indulging in malignant prophecies as to the future. Their evil forebodings were discounted by the relief of Ladysmith and recent British successes.



FULL OF RESOURCE.

PRESIDENT KRÜGER (*reading the CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER's speech on the Budget debate*):—

"I AM NOT GOING TO BIND MYSELF AS TO WHAT I WILL DO ON THE TERMINATION OF THE WAR. I LOOK FIRST TO THE TRANSVAAL."

"OH, DOES HE? I KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO ON THE TERMINATION OF THE WAR. I'M GOING THROUGH THE BANKRUPTCY COURT!"

. The Chancellor of the Exchequer had announced that he hoped to recover a large proportion of the war expenses by taxation of the Transvaal.



A HANDSOME OFFER.

BOER (*considerably damaged*).—"I DIDN'T LIKE TO MENTION IT BEFORE, BUT NOW THAT 'YOU'VE RECOVERED YOUR PRESTIGE,' GIVE ME EVERYTHING I WANT AND ALL SHALL BE FORGIVEN!"

*. Presidents Kruger and Steyn submitted overtures for peace, but made a condition that the incontestable independence of the two Republics should be assured. The British Government declined to entertain the proposal.



GOOD WISHES !

"Mr. Punch" expresses his good wishes for the success of the Paris Exhibition, which was announced to be opened on the 11th of April, 1900.



A DELEGATE MATTER.

SERVANT (to EUROPA).—"SOME GENTLEMEN, MADAM, FROM THE TRANSVAAL, TO SEE YOU VERY PARTICULAR"
 EUROPA.—"UM—ER—WELL—SAY—'NOT AT HOME'!"

"The Transvaal delegates, who were visiting the various European Courts in order to solicit their intervention in the war, were not very warmly received."



ADVANCED AUSTRALIA!

AUSTRALIA.—"If you please, Mother, I wanted a little more freedom, so I've had this latch-key made. You don't mind?"

BRITANNIA.—"I'm sure, my dear, if anybody can be trusted with it, you can."

. An important Clause of the draft Australasian Federation Bill abolished appeal to the Privy Council.



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A QUESTION OF THE DAY.

ENTERPRISING BRITISH ELECTION AGENT.—“BEG PARDON, MR. KROOMER—BUT CAN'T YOU GIVE US ANY IDEA OF WHEN THE WAR WILL BE OVER? SO THAT WE CAN ARRANGE FOR OUR *GENERAL ELECTION*.”

. The Boers were still stubbornly resisting the British forces, and there was as yet no signs of the war terminating. The dissolution of Parliament was expected at the end of the present Session.



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THE IMPERIAL DISPENSARY.

THE KANGAROO.—“I’VE GOT A SORT OF—ER—FEELING OF OPPRESSION. MY DOCTOR AT HOME GAVE ME THAT PRESCRIPTION !”

MR. CHAMBERLAIN *Colonial Chemist and Druggist according to the British Pharmacopæia*.—“‘ABOLITION OF APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL.’—OF COURSE, I COULD MAKE IT UP FOR YOU, BUT I THINK I CAN GIVE YOU SOMETHING THAT WILL EXACTLY SUIT YOUR CONSTITUTION !”

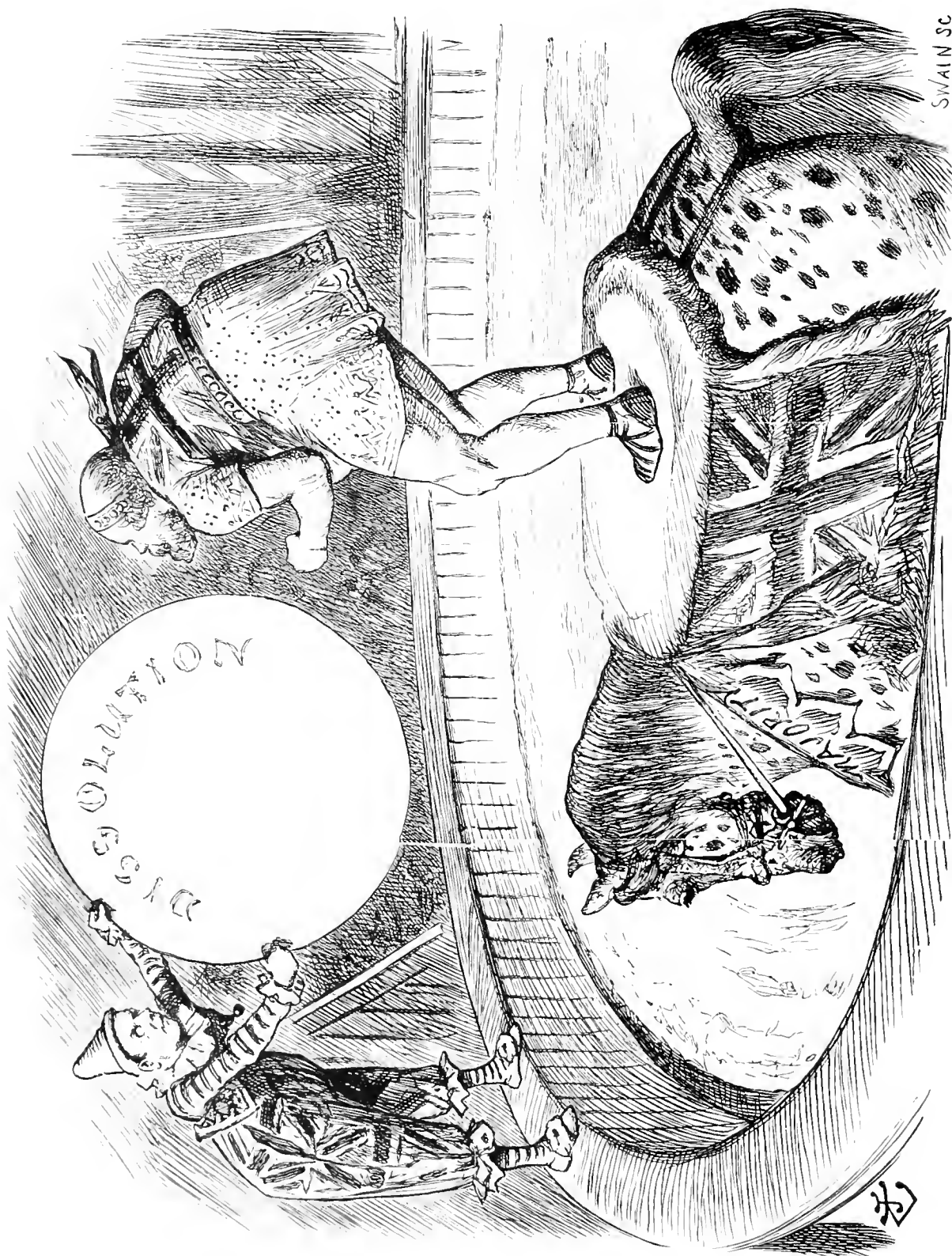
*. Great satisfaction was felt in the Colonies at the introduction by Mr. Chamberlain of his Commonwealth of Australia Bill, by which the six Australasian Colonies became one federation.



BEFORE THE FALL OF THE FLAG.

THE FORTUNE TELLER.—"LET ME TELL YOUR FORTUNE, MY PRETTY GENTLEMAN. I SEE TROUBLE FOR YOU AT HOME. YOU'RE GOING TO TRAVEL."

. It was currently reported that President Krüger had made all preparations for flight in the event of it being found impossible to defend Pretoria.



“HOOP-LA!”

JOEY (to the Premier Equivocal).—“Now’s your time, GUV’NOR!”

* * “Mr. Puxch” delicately hints that as the Government held a large majority, and the Imperial troops were almost in possession of Pretoria, it would be an opportune time to dissolve Parliament.



SHIFTING HIS CAPITAL.

*⁴ President Kruger had abandoned Pretoria on the near approach of the British forces, taking with him, it was reported, bullion to the value of £2,000,000, which, he said, was simply required for State purposes.



A "REGRETTABLE INCIDENT."

F.-M. PUNCH (to GENERAL ROUTINE).—"THERE'S NO EXCUSE! SENSELESS DRESS! D—D SENSELESS MANAGEMENT!"

"." In the manoeuvres at Aldershot four deaths had occurred from sunstroke. There were also 400 cases of sickness.



THE PUZZLED KANGAROO.

"WELL, I SUPPOSE IT'S WHAT I WANTED; BUT I'M HANGED IF I KNOW WHAT I'VE GOT!"

. The Australian Commonwealth Bill, embodying the new Constitution accepted by the principal Colonies of Australia, passed through Parliament, but there was much discussion on the Clause which abolished appeals to the Privy Council.



A LEGACY OF DISCORD.

CHINAMAN.—“YOU ALLEE CHOP-CHOP ME NOW, BUT WELLY SOON FORRIN DEVIL CHOP-CHOP FORRIN DEVIL!”

European troops had arrived in Pekin to protect the Legations, fears for their safety being entertained in consequence of the rapid spread of the Boxer movement. The “Boxers” were an armed secret society.



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“ RUBBING IT IN ! ”

JAPAN (addressing the Powers).—“ DELIGHTED TO JOIN YOU, GENTLEMEN ; BUT PERMIT ME TO REMARK THAT IF SOME OF YOU HADN'T INTERFERED WHEN I HAD HIM DOWN, IT WOULD HAVE SAVED ALL THIS TROUBLE ! ”

* * After the war in 1894 between Japan and China, the Japanese annexed part of the Liao-tung Peninsula, but were forced to relinquish it on account of strong protests by Russia, Germany and France against this annexation of Chinese continental territory.



THE CLOSED DOOR.

•• The European Powers and Japan were insisting on the policy of opening Chinese ports to the commerce of the world.



A NAVAL ESTIMATE.

MR. PUNCH.—“LOOK HERE, MISTER! I DON'T BELIEVE ALL THESE YARNS ABOUT OUR NAVY: BUT I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW FROM YOU THAT OUR SHIPS CAN BE DEPENDED ON.”

COASTGUARD GOSCHEN.—“LOR, BLESS YOU, SIR! YOU'VE NO CALL TO WORRY! *THEY'RE ALL RIGHT, AND LOIS OF 'EM!*”

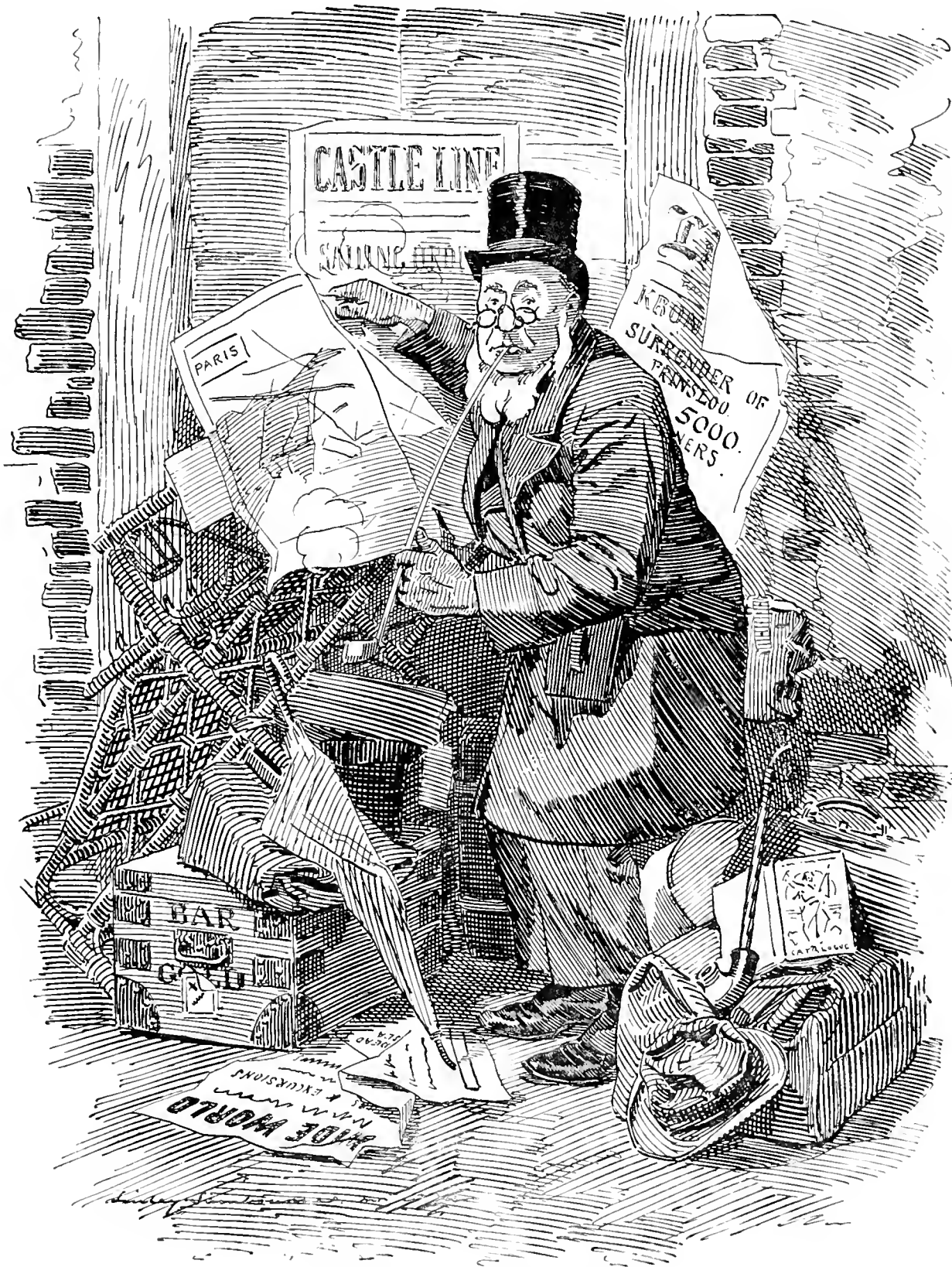
. Mr. Goschen, in Committee of Supply, made a reassuring statement as to the trivial breakdowns and defects in our battleships since the recent introduction of the Belleville boilers into the British navy.



“SO PERPLEXING!”

OLD LIBERAL PARTY.—“OH, DEARY ME! WHICH PLATFORM SHALL I TAKE?”

. Parliament had been prorogued, and, it was expected, would shortly be dissolved. Great divergence of views existed amongst the leaders of the Liberal party, which sorely needed a rallying cry for electioneering purposes.



HAPPY THOUGHT!

OOM PAUL—"UM! THIS PLACE IS SO OVER-RUN WITH ENGLISH. I THINK I'LL GO AND SEE THE PARIS EXHIBITION. THEY TELL ME THERE AIN'T ANY THERE!"

. President Kruger had quitted the Transvaal for a tour in Europe. At Marseilles he was the recipient of several addresses of welcome, one being presented by Michael Davitt. He afterwards left for Paris.



IN THE MOVEMENT.

OOM PAUL, (*to himself*).—"SHIFTING HER CAPITAL? MY IDEA!"

* * * On the advance of the allied troops to Peking the Empress and the Chinese Court fled into the interior.



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A CHINESE PUZZLE.

SENTRY.—“WHO GOES THERE?”

LI HUNG CHANG.—“FRIEND! YOU KNOW ME VERY WELL—A FRIEND TO EVERYBODY!”

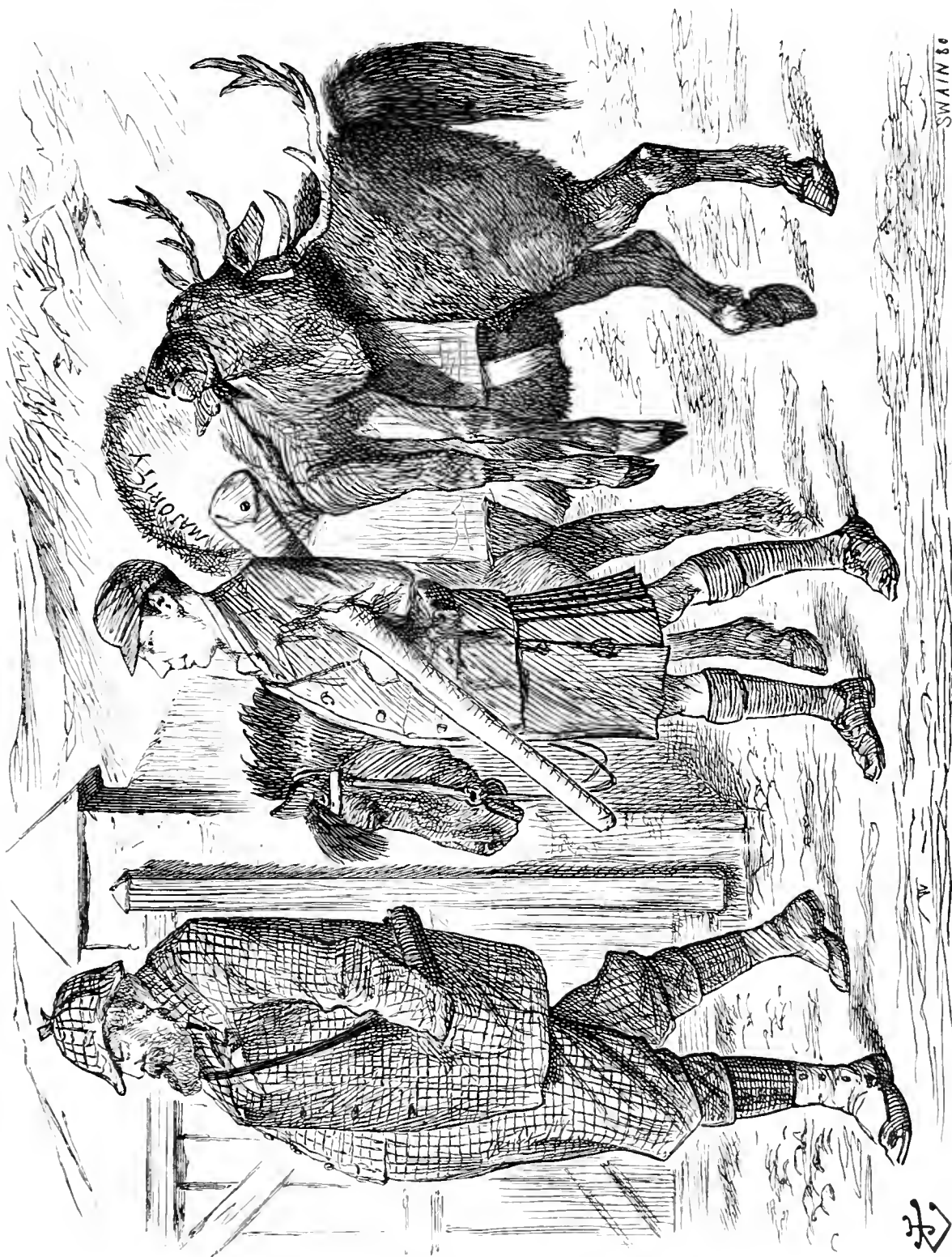
SENTRY.—“H’M! GIVE THE COUNTERSIGN!”

* * The Legations in Peking had been relieved by the allied forces after hard fighting. Li Hung Chang’s peace overtures were rejected by the Allies.



THE SINKING SHIP.

. The Transvaal Republic had been annexed to Great Britain by Lord Roberts, and a proclamation issued.



“RETURNED!”

“.” The General Election had taken place. The Unionists were returned with a majority of 134 over the Liberals and Nationalists combined.



THE NEW SISYPHUS.

C-MPB-LL-B-NN-KM-X.—“WELL, HERE GOES FOR ANOTHER TRY. ODD ! IF IT WERE ONLY BIGGER IT MIGHT BE EASIER !”
 “.” Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, had an uphill task in contending against the large Unionist majority.



DARING DOGS!

BRITISH SAILOR.—“ WE DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN NO BLOOMIN' PAGODA, DO WE ? ”

GERMAN SAILOR.—“ NEIN ! BOT SUBBOSIN' ODER BARTIES VANTS TO OGGUBY HIM ? ”

BRITISH SAILOR.—“ WHY, THEN, WE BLOOMIN' WELL RESERVES TO OURSELVES THE RIGHT TO TALK IT OVER ! ”

* * Pekin was still occupied by the Allied Powers. Great Britain and Germany had come to an agreement in regard to their mutual policy in China, which was to prevent any other Power acquiring any territorial advantages in that country.



PERQUISITES!

LORD WINE LORD SALISBURY'S "MAN". — "GOVERNOR SAYS HE'S NO FURTHER USE FOR THEM. WELL! I FLATTER MYSELF THEY'RE A VERY GOOD FIT!"

*. The offices of Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary had been separated, and Lord Lansdowne was appointed to succeed the Marquis of Salisbury at the Foreign Office.

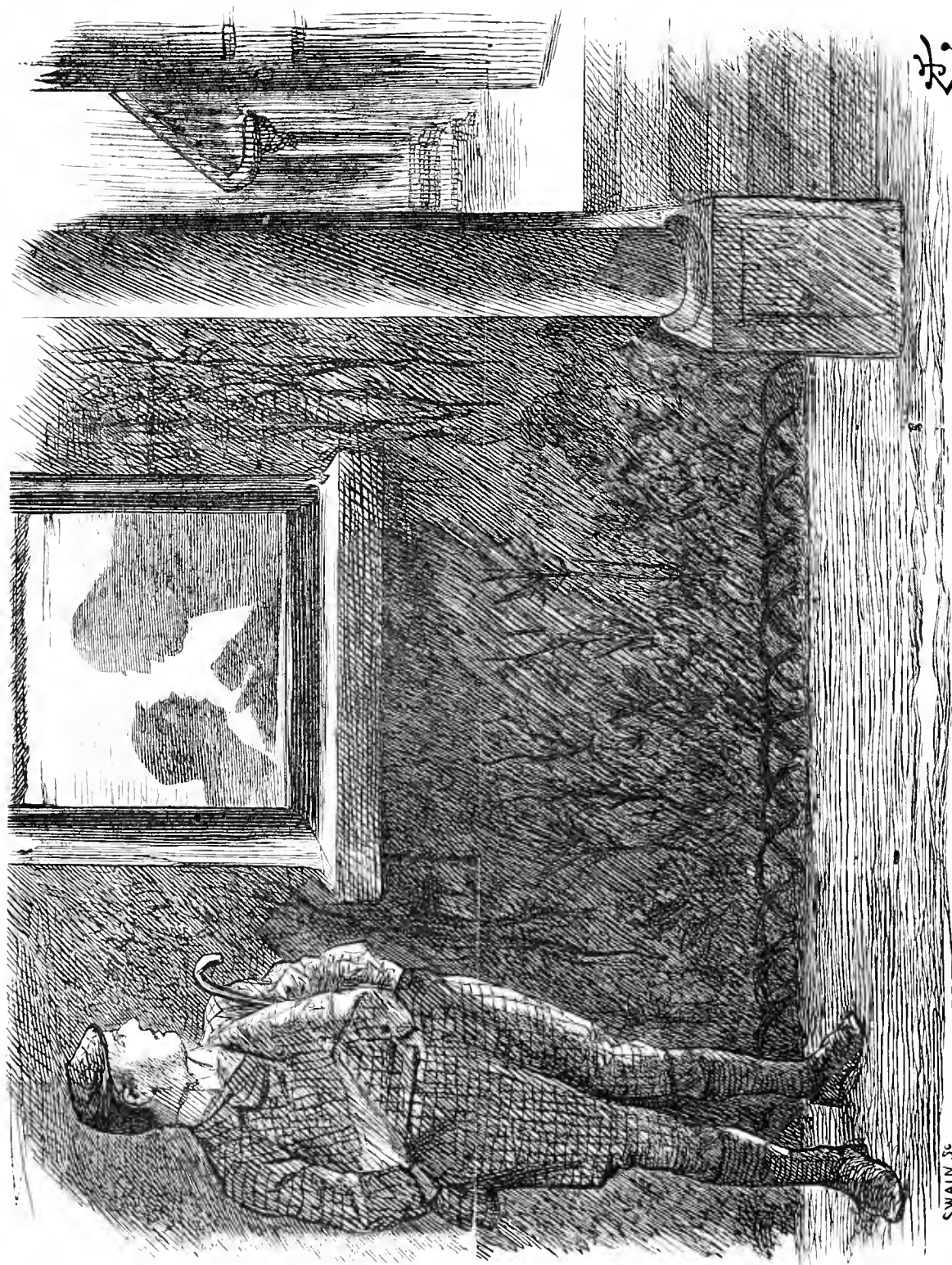


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READY TO OBLIGE.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT.—“How can choppee own head off? No can do. Welly well—more better me choppy somebody else's!”

. The Allies, as a preliminary to their evacuation of Peking, had demanded the exemplary punishment of high officials implicated in the recent outrages and massacres committed by the Boxers.



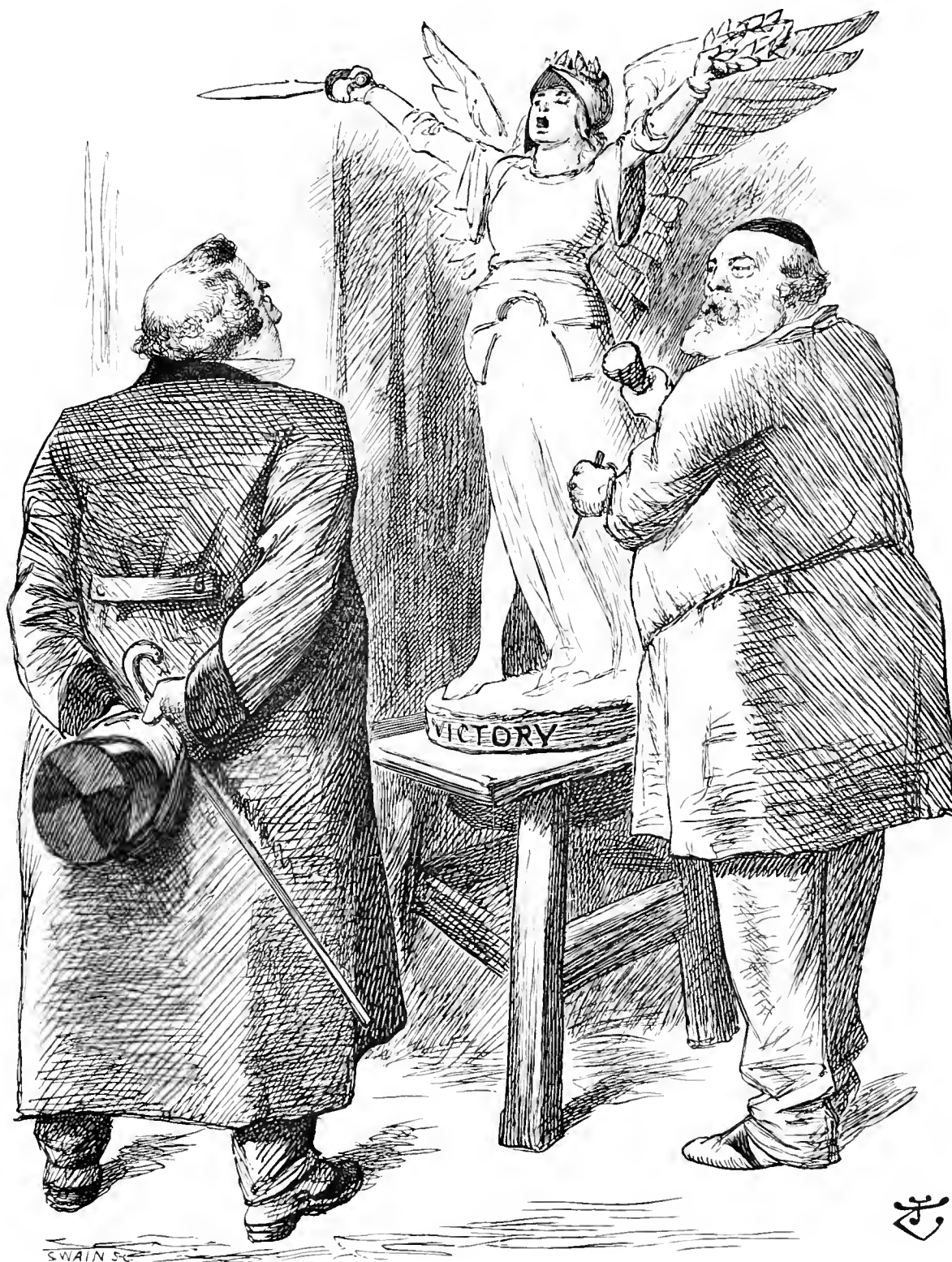
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“THE OPEN DOOR.”

SCENE—EXTERIOR OF THE OLD LIBERAL HOME.

LORD R-S-D-RY (“*without*”),—“IT DOESN’T SEEM A *VERY* HAPPY PARTY. I FANCY I’M BETTER OUTSIDE.”

“Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, in a speech delivered at Dundee, said : ‘Our attitude and policy towards Lord Salisbury is that policy which is familiar to us in the phrase of ‘the open door.’”



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MONEY NO OBJECT.

SCULPTOR S L-SB-RY (at work on a statue of Victory).—"I'M AFRAID, MR. BULL, I MUST TROUBLE YOU FOR SOMETHING ON ACCOUNT—THERE'S A LOT MORE WORK IN IT THAN I EXPECTED."

*. * Parliament was specially summoned in December to vote extraordinary supplies for the expenses incurred in South Africa and China, which amounted to £16,000,000.



“PATIENCE!”

THE COLONEL . . . GERMANY. ANGELA . . . HOLLAND. THE MAJOR . . . MR. KRUGER. SAPHIR . . . FRANCE. THE DUKE . . . RUSSIA.

“IN THIS CASE UNPRECEDENTED
SINGLE I SHALL LIVE AND DIE.”

ALL, DANCING:

“HE WILL HAVE TO BE CONTENTED
WITH OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY!”

“I SHALL HAVE TO BE CONTENTED
WITH THEIR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY.”

“* After his flight from Pretoria Mr. Kruger visited the Hague, where he was sympathetically received, but the Dutch Government intimated that it would observe a strict neutrality. In Paris the French Senate and Chamber also passed resolutions of sympathy.”



“DE WET O’ DE WISP.”

*. General De Wet, though unceasingly pursued and frequently hemmed in, had hitherto been successful in escaping defeat and capture.



TO "ABSENT FRIENDS!"

"Mr. Punch" conveys Christmas greetings to the brave British troops who were in South Africa, fighting for the honour of England.



URGENT.

GENERAL LORD KITCHENER to MR. JOHN BULL.—"IF YOU WANT THIS BUSINESS QUICKLY FINISHED YOU *MUST* GIVE ME MORE HORSES, AND MEN TO RIDE THEM."

* Lord Kitchener had again strongly insisted on the necessity for an efficiently mounted, mobile force.



“CHILDLIKE AND BLAND.”

CHINESE OFFICIAL.—“WELL, THE EMPRESS IS AWAY AT PRESENT; BUT YOUR ACCOUNTS SHALL BE FORWARDED, GENTLEMEN, AND NO DOUBT HER IMPERIAL MAJESTY WILL ATTEND TO THEM AT HER—AHEN!—EARLIEST CONVENIENCE!”

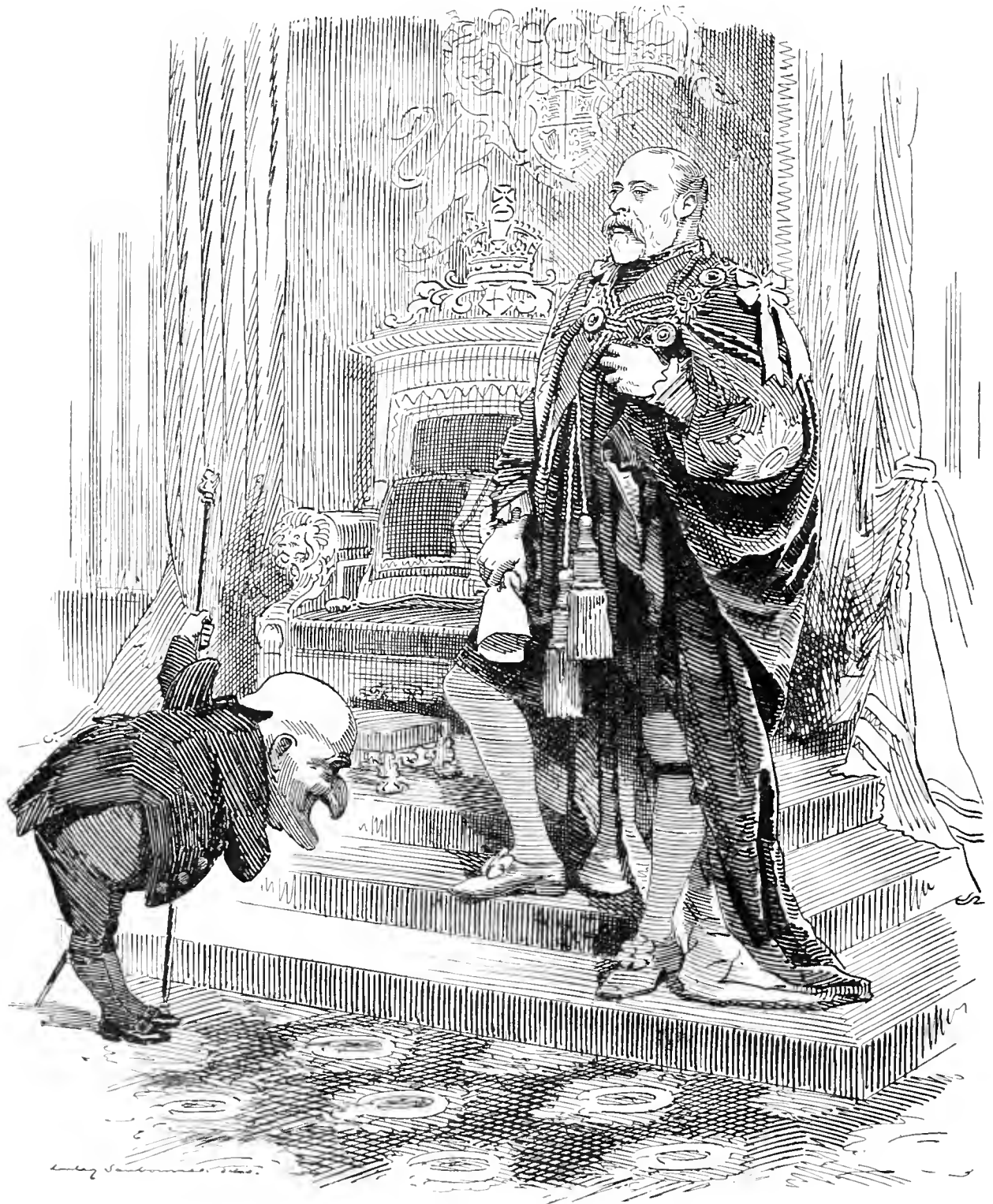
. The settlement with China of the indemnity question appeared likely to cause trouble to the European Powers.



THE ROLL OF GREAT MONARCHS.

HISTORY ADDS ANOTHER NAME.

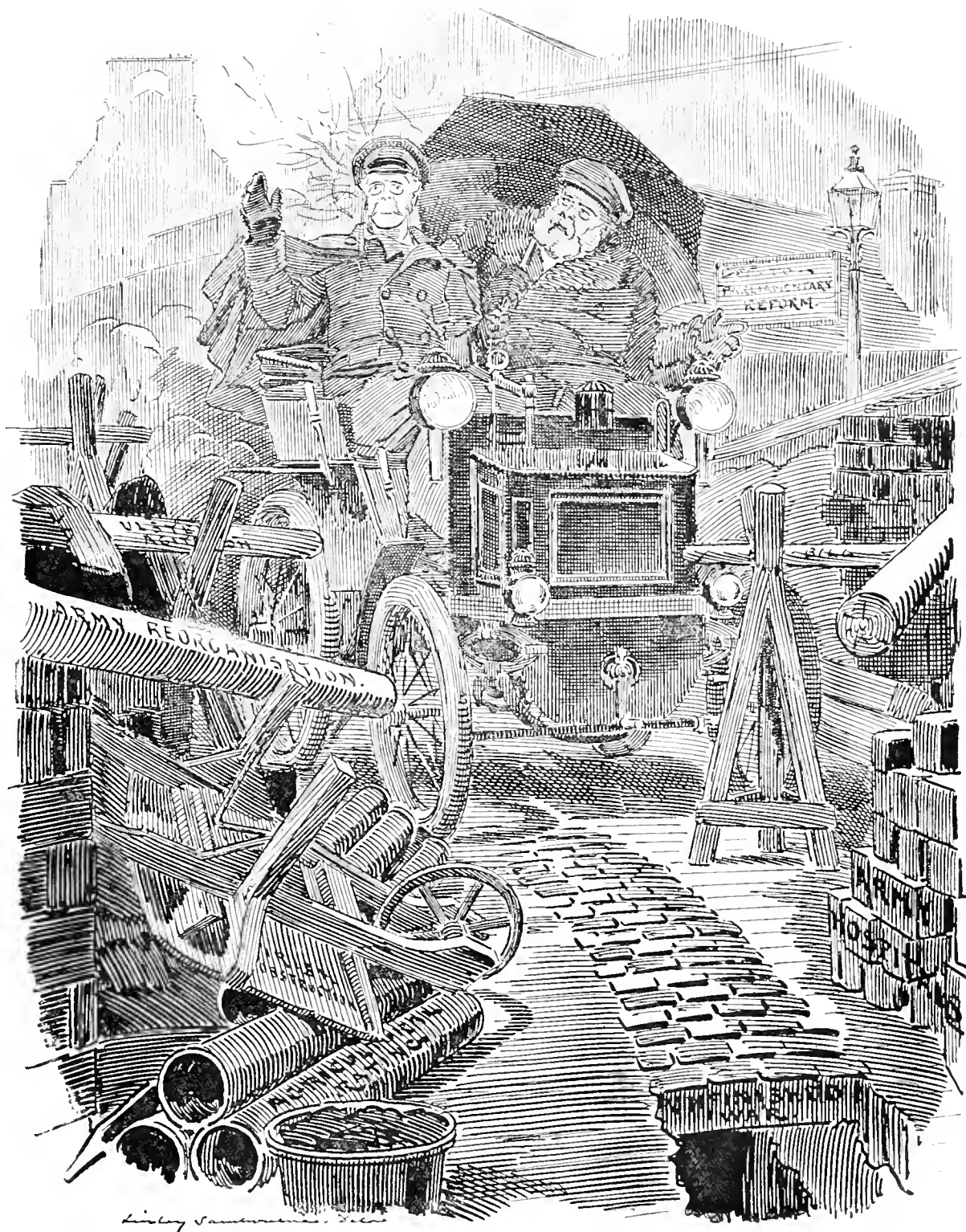
* * Queen Victoria died on the 22nd of January, 1901.



GOD SAVE THE KING!

MR. PUNCH.—"YOUR CORONATION AWAITS YOUR MAJESTY'S PLEASURE, BUT YOU ARE ALREADY CROWNED IN THE HEARTS OF YOUR PEOPLE."

* * * The Coronation of King Edward VII. was appointed to take place in June, 1902, at Westminster Abbey, but, on account of his grave illness, was postponed until the 9th of August.



DIFFICULT STEERING.

LORD S. L. B. R. to ARTHUR B. — "HANG THESE 'IMPROVEMENTS,' ARTHUR! DO YOU THINK WE SHALL GET THROUGH?"

* * The Royal Speech had been rich in legislative promise.



WHICH WILL HE DROP ON?

. Speculation was rife as to the means the Chancellor of the Exchequer would adopt to raise the supplementary taxation.



GROWING BOYS.

MASTER JACK.—“PLEASE, MA. AREN'T I GOING TO HAVE A NICE NEW SUIT, LIKE TOMMY?”

MRS. BRITANNIA.—“NO, DEAR. TOMMY'S OLD SUIT WAS SO WORN OUT THAT HE HAD TO HAVE A NEW ONE; BUT IT COST ME SUCH A LOT OF MONEY THAT I'M AFRAID WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE YOURS DO AS IT IS FOR A BIT.”

* * * The Army Estimates exceeded by a very large amount those of the Navy.



QUITE AT HOME.

BRITISH AND GERMAN ALLIES.—“HI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?”

RUSSIAN COSSACK.—“I’M THE MAN IN POSSESSION! ARE YOU GOING TO TURN ME OUT?”

BOTH *hesitating*.—“N—N—NO. NO. WE ONLY ASKED.”

RUSSIAN COSSACK.—“THEN NOW YOU KNOW.”

[*Goes on smoking.*]

*. Russia had not evinced any immediate intention of evacuating Manchuria



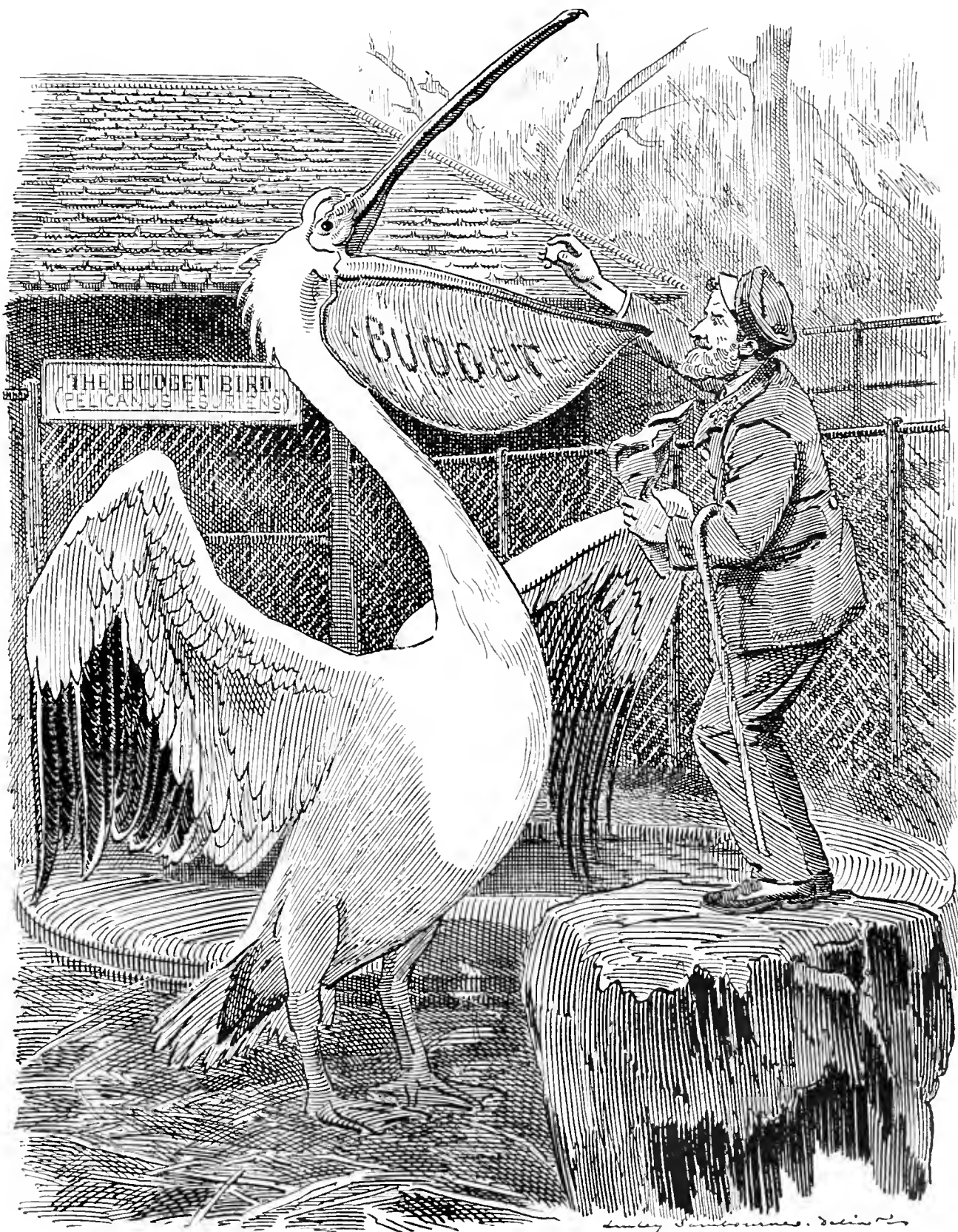
“ PAWS OFF ! ”

“ * * Japan, it was understood, was prepared to forcibly resist any Russian occupation of China.”



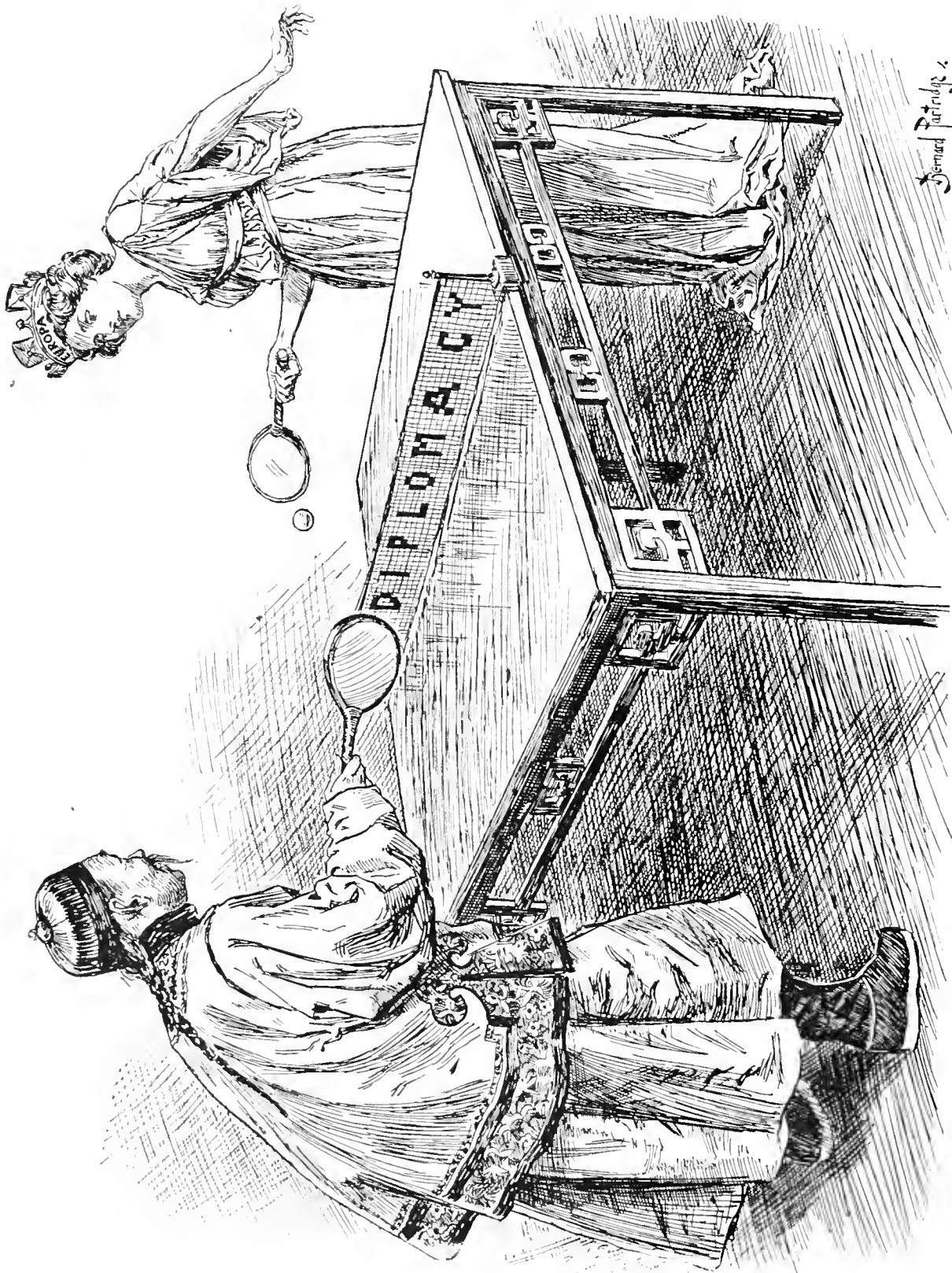
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. There was widespread discontent among the labouring classes in Russia, and a revolutionary propaganda appeared imminent.

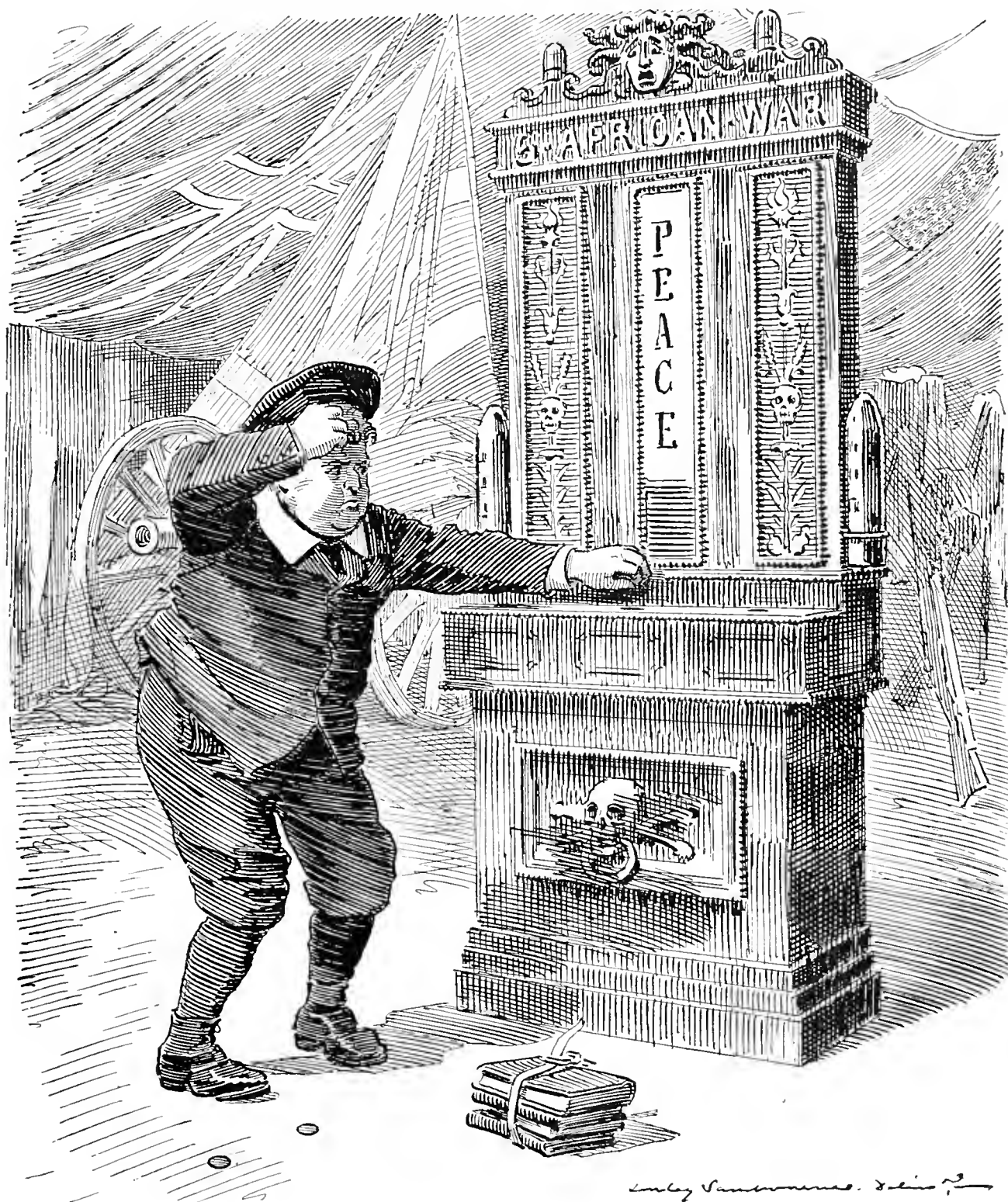


"A LITTLE BIT OF SUGAR FOR THE BIRD" (?)

"It was anticipated that the Chancellor of the Exchequer would propose a levy of a halfpenny per pound on sugar."



“PING PONG”;
OR, “A GAME THAT HE *DOES* UNDERSTAND.”
“The wily Chinaman was holding his own diplomatically against the great European Powers.”



"PAY! PAY! PAY!"

MASTER JOHN BULL.—"I'VE PUT A LOT OF PENNIES INTO THIS MACHINE, AND I HAVEN'T GOT ANYTHING OUT. BUT"—with determination—"I'M GOING ON TILL I DO!"

* * As a result of the increased war expenditure there was a deficit of £55,000,000



“ WELCOME, LITTLE STRANGERS ! ”

DELIGHT OF FATHER THAMES ON SEEING HOW “THE SAMLETS ARRIVED, HAVING SUSTAINED THE TRYING JOURNEY FROM UXBRIDGE WITHOUT SHOWING ANY SIGNS OF FATIGUE.”—*Times*.)

“ The Thames Salmon Association sent a consignment of samlets in the hope of creating a salmon fishery in the Thames.

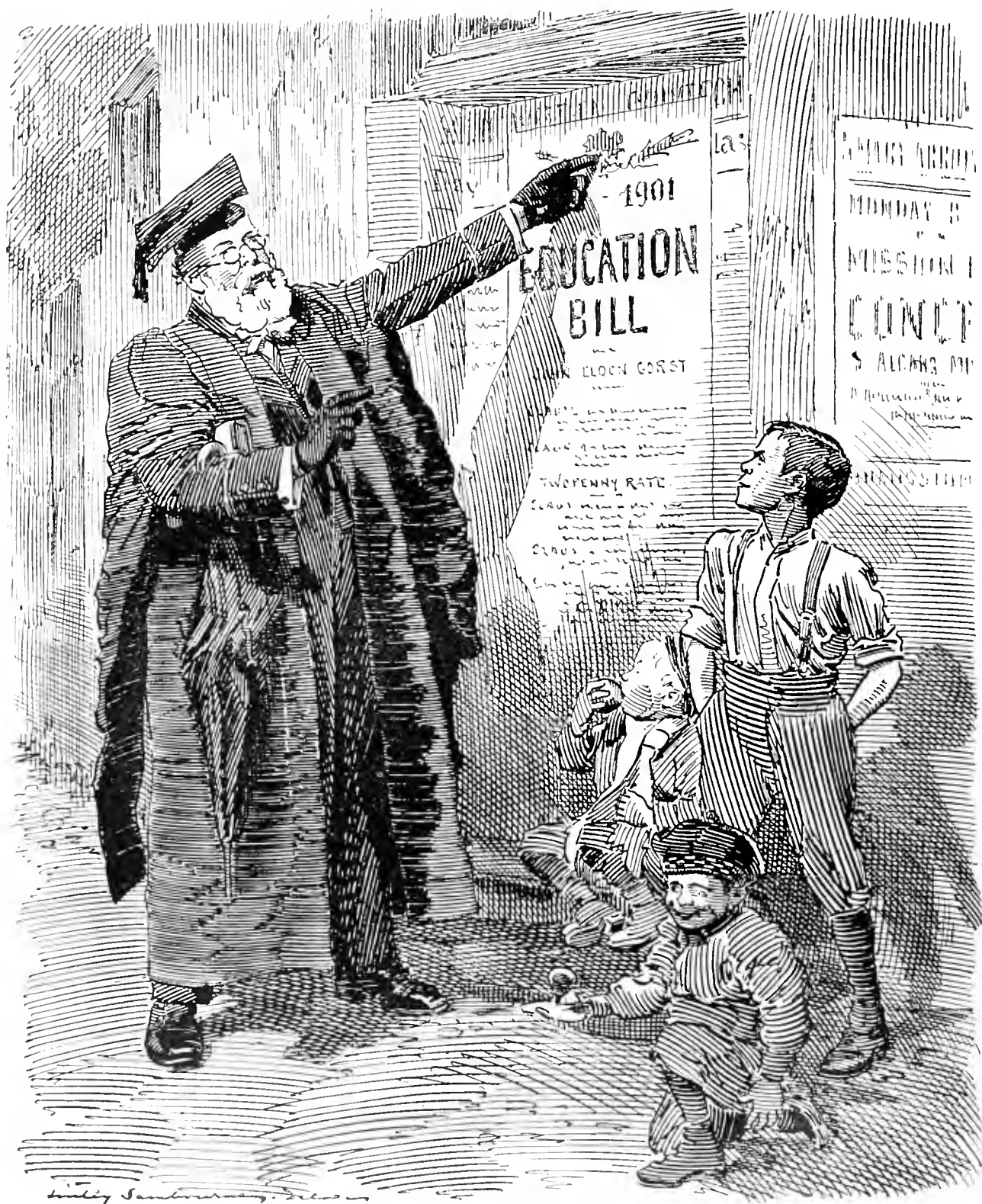


JONATHAN SHOPPING.

JOHN BULL.—"NOW, MY LITTLE MAN, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?"

MASTER JONATHAN.—"WELL, GUESS I'LL BUY THE WHOLE STORE!"

. The influence of American capitalists was making itself felt very strongly in England, as, for instance, in the purchase of the Leyland line of shipping, the electrification of the "underground" railway, etc., etc.



THE RAW MATERIAL.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN E. GORST, K.C., M.P.—“YOU’VE A GREAT CAREER BEFORE YOU, MY LITTLE MAN! UNDER MY NEW SCHEME THERE IS NOTHING TO PREVENT YOU FROM BEING SENIOR WRANGLER, OR PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY, OR EVEN—AH!—VICE-PRESIDENT OF COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION!”

UNEDUCATED URBIN.—“GARN! WHO ARE YOU GETTIN’ AT?”

*. * The Government Education Bill was introduced by Sir John Gorst.



"THE OLD FIRM."

DOWAGER EMPRESS OF CHINA (to OLD LI HUNG CHANG).—"THEY SAID WE WERE WRONG 'UNS, DID THEY? TRIED TO SHIFT US! BUT WE'RE BACK IN THE OLD PLACE IN SPITE OF 'EM."

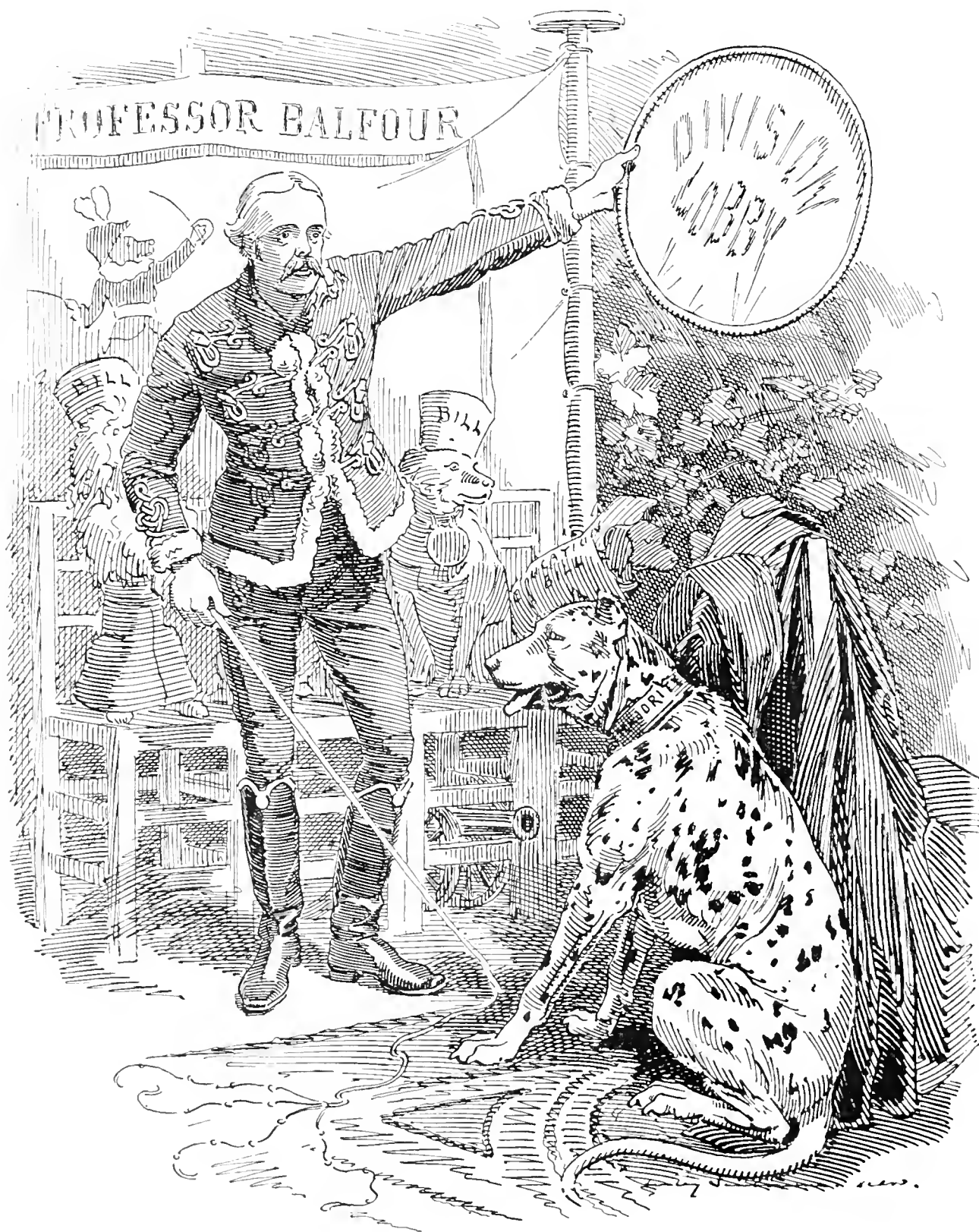
*. The Chinese Government had agreed to pay the indemnity demanded, but the return of the Imperial Court to Peking was still indefinitely postponed.



A SOUL ABOVE BUSINESS.

GENERAL MUDDLE.—“GOOD GAD, SIR! WHAT! RUN THE WAR OFFICE ON BUSINESS PRINCIPLES!! HOPE WE HAVEN’T COME TO THAT YET.”

. The Cartoon is suggested by a Report which advocated the reconstruction of the War Office.



THE LAZY DOG.

PROFESSOR A. J. BALFOUR (*with Four-lined Whip*).—"I DON'T ASK ANYTHING ORIGINAL. BUT, HANG IT, YOU MIGHT GO THROUGH THE SIMPLE OLD TRICK!"

. The absence of Unionist members from the division lobbies had caused a serious falling off in the Ministerial majorities.



DIRTY WEATHER !

MRS. LIBERAL PARTY (*evidently so comfortable*).—"I do—ASSURE YOU—CAPTAIN BANNERMAN—WE HAVE EVERY—CONFIDENCE—IN YOU!"

* * Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's political speeches were not altogether productive of confidence in his leadership.



THE "DEUS IN MACHINA."

LORD ROSEBERRY.—"H'M, I SEE YOU ARE IN DIFFICULTIES, MADAM. FOR MYSELF, I SHALL NOT VOLUNTARILY RE-ENTER THE WATER; BUT I WILL GIVE YOU A FEW ELEMENTARY HINTS ON THE NATATORY ART."

* * Lord Rosebery, in a letter addressed to the City Liberal Club, explained his views on the Liberal imbroglio.



PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW!

LI HUNG CHANG (at the *Open Door*).—"WELL, GENTLEMEN, IF YOU *MUST* BE GOING—MY MASTER WILL BE SO SORRY TO HAVE MISSED YOU—YOU HAVE ALL GOT YOUR *FOUR'S*!"

* * * Arrangements were made for the departure of the allied troops from Peking, but it was still doubtful in what way the indemnity would be raised.

Henry Sanderson. Dec.



Bernard Partridge

THE UNCOMMERCIAL TRAVELLER.

MR. PUNCH.—"Now, Mr. Bull, wake up! You'll have to keep your eye on that chap. He's always at it, speaks their languages, and knows their money."

JOHN BULL.—"Pooh! My goods are better than his!"

MR. PUNCH.—"I dare say—but you've got to make them understand it!"

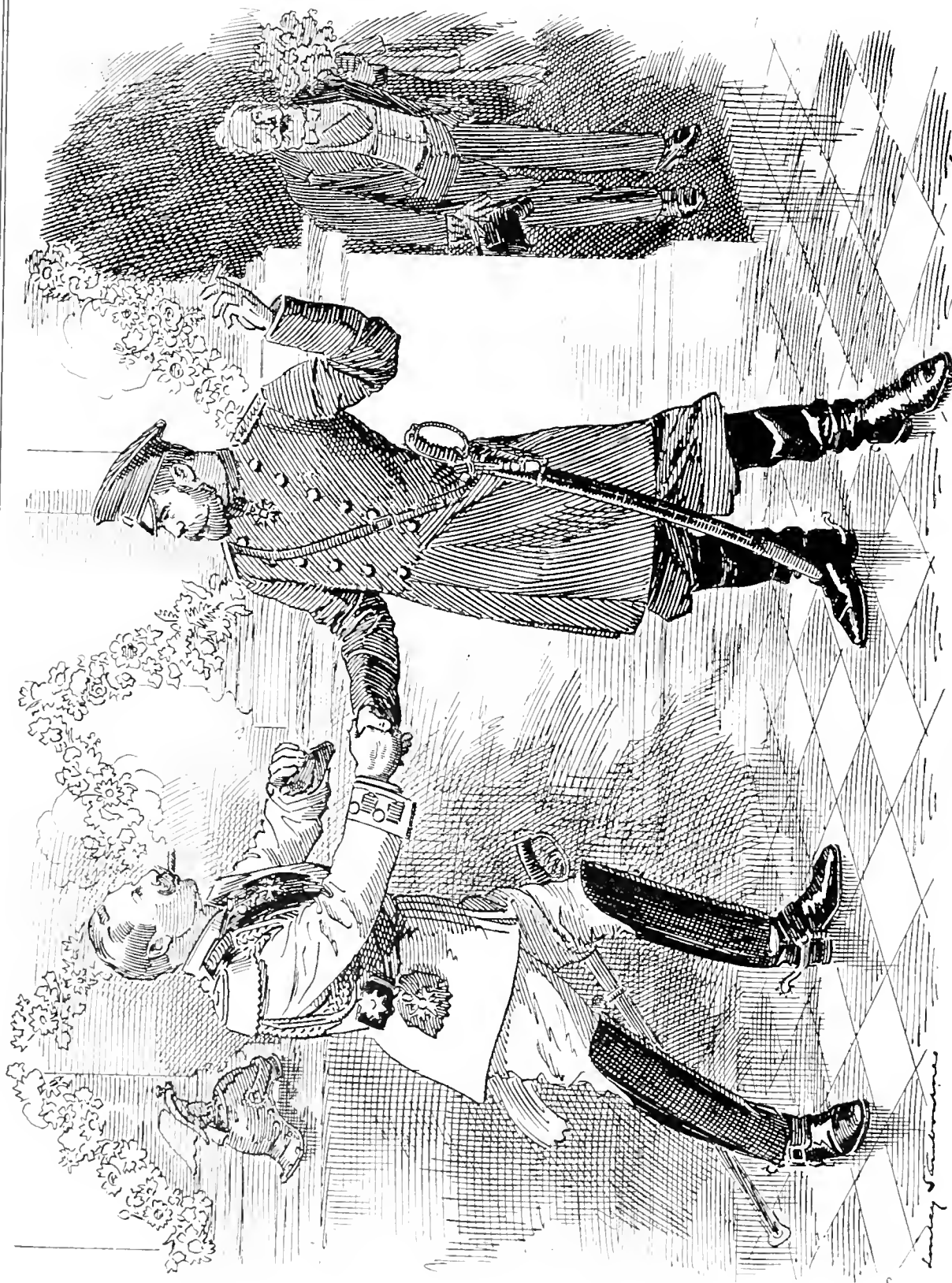
. Trade with the East was declining, owing to the apathy of British manufacturers. The Germans were shrewder in their business methods.



A HAPPY RETURN.

MADAME LA RÉPUBLIQUE.—"AH, NICHOLAS, MON BIEN-AIMÉ, I KNEW YOU'D COME AT LAST, IF I ONLY KEPT ON ASKING YOU!"

"." It was announced that the Emperor of Russia would shortly visit France to witness the Autumn manoeuvres.



A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

THE CZAR.—"WELL, GOODBYE, MY DEAR FELLOW, I'VE GOT SOME ONE WAITING TO SEE ME."
 KAISER WILHELM.—"NOT A MONEYLENDER, I HOPE?"
 THE CZAR.—"H'N! I'M AFRAID NOT."

**. An idea was prevalent that the Czar's visit to France was not wholly unconnected with money matters.



Bernard Partidge.

THE WOLVES OF ANARCHY.

* * * The assassination of President William McKinley, on the 14th of September, 1901, caused a strong outburst of feeling against Anarchists throughout the United States of America.



“THE ROUGH RIDER.”

WITH “MR. PUNCH’S” BEST WISHES TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

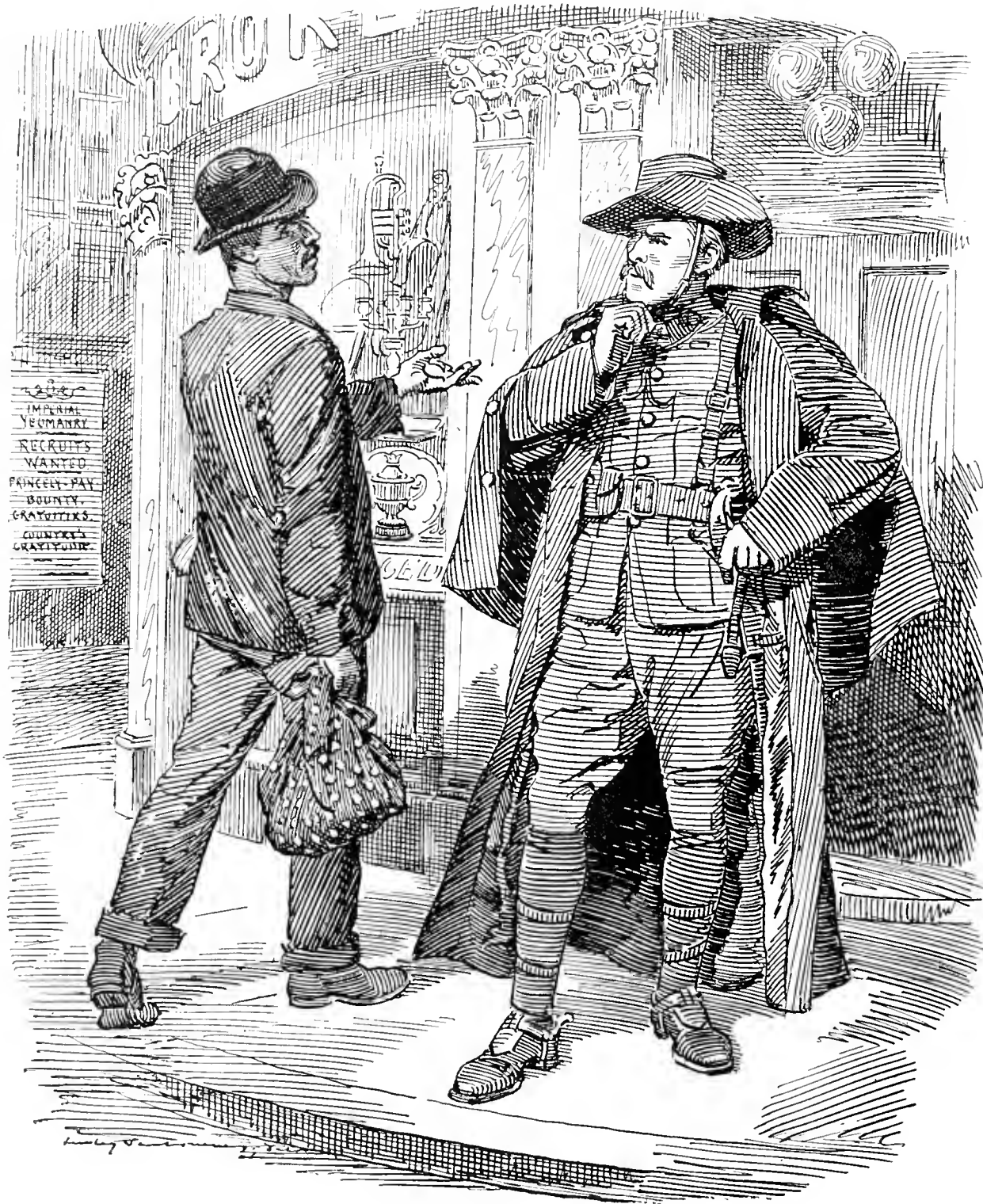
* * * Theodore Roosevelt, the new President of the United States, had organised in the recent Spanish-American War a corps of “Rough Riders” which had done splendid service.



“TO BE WELL SHAKEN.”

JOHN BULL. (to LORD SALISBURY).—“LOOK HERE! WAKE UP! I WANT THIS WAR OVER! YOU TELL ME WHAT MORE I CAN DO, AND I’LL DO IT!”

“* The Government were blamed for their lethargy and the want of energetic efforts to end the South African War.”

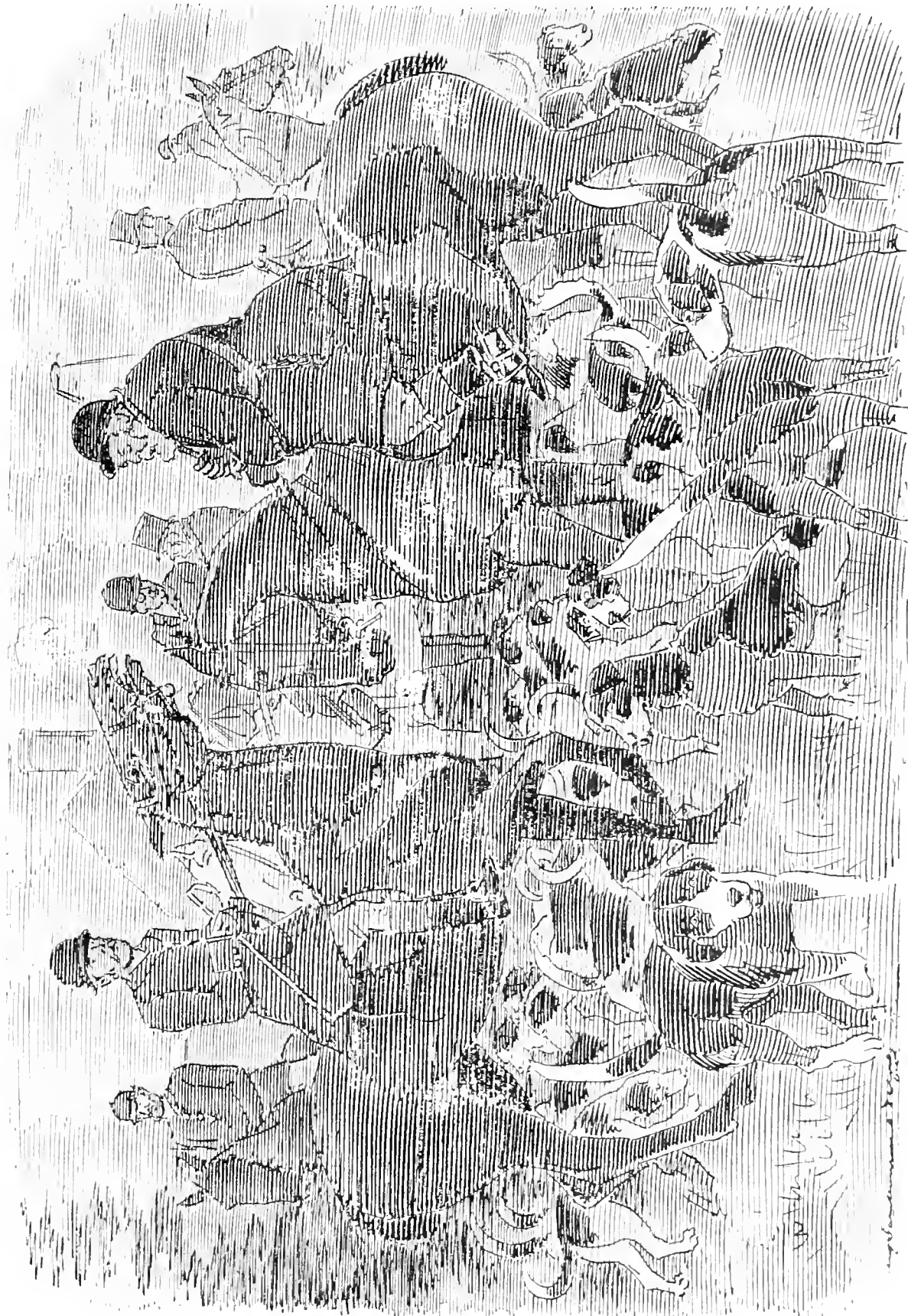


THE REVERSE OF THE MEDAL!

OR, PAY DEFERRED MAKETH THE HEART SICK.

RECRUITING-SERGEANT BRODRICK.—“NOW, MY MAN, YOU LOOK HARD UP. WHY DON'T YOU JOIN THE IMPERIAL YEOMANRY?”
EX-YEOMAN.—“THANK'EE, I'VE BEEN THERE BEFORE, AND HAVEN'T GOT MY MONEY YET! JUST GOING TO POP MY MEDAL!”

. Cases had occurred in which the Yeomanry who had returned from the South African War were unable to obtain the pay due to them.



A MEET IN A FOG.

LORD SALISBURY (*Master of the Cabinet Hounds, to Houndsman*). "WELL, ARTHUR, WE CAN'T SEE AN INCH BEYOND OUR NOSES; BUT NOBODY CAN SAY WE
 HAVEN'T MET!"
 ** The Cabinet met on the 28th of October for the first time after the Recess. The "do nothing" policy of the Government had of late been much criticised.



CORONA FINIT OPUS.

MARY ANNE.—“WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO START THIS ARMY REFORM THEY TALK SUCH A LOT ABOUT?”
 PRIVATE ATKINS.—“WHY, BLESS YOUR 'EART, IT'S ALL DONE! LOOK AT OUR NEW CAPS!”

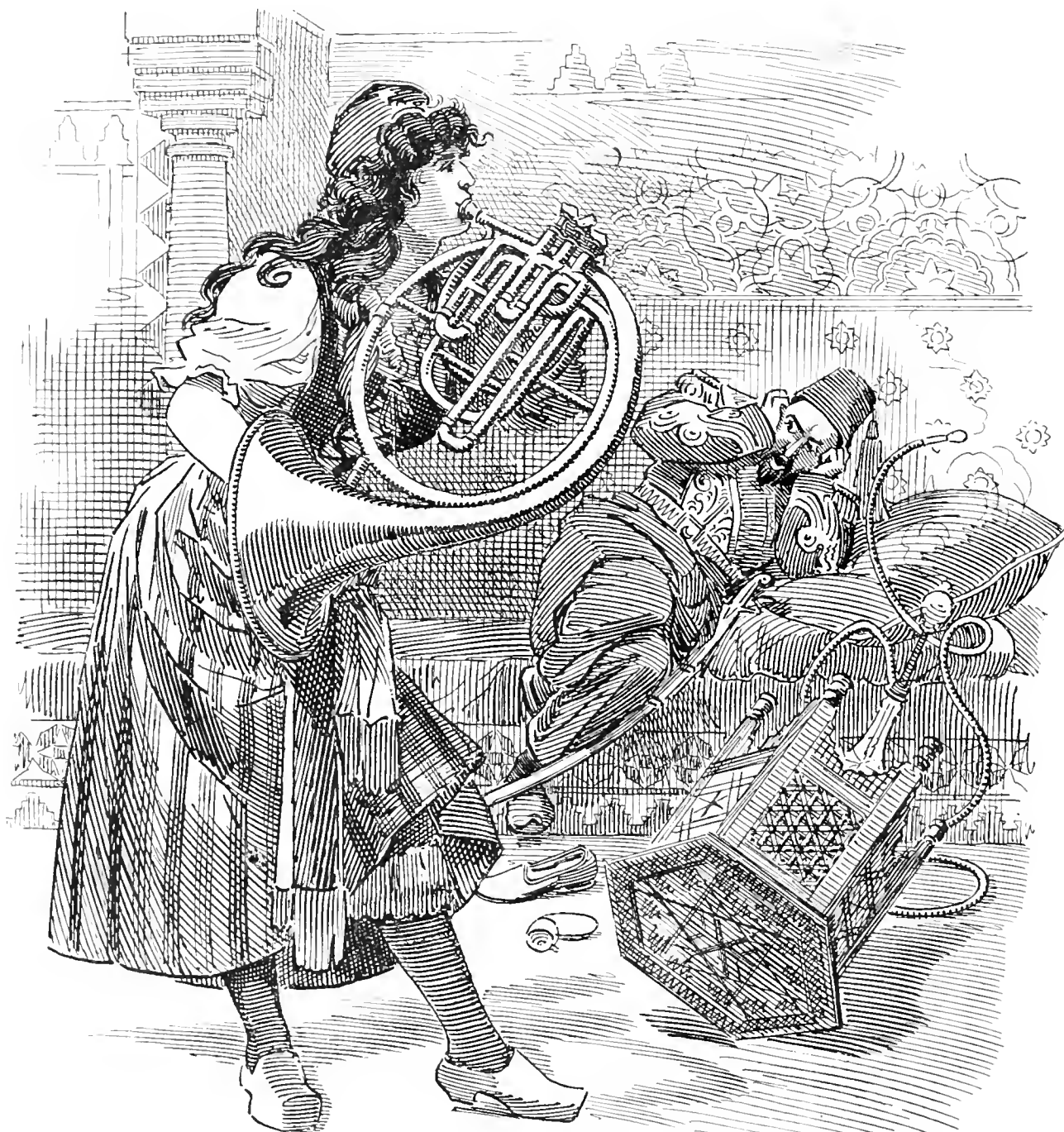
. The principal Army Reform had been the creation of a new cap which was not favourably received.



Benedict Partridge.

FACING THE FIRE.

THE MENTMORE CHEF.—“ALTHOUGH I AM NOT UNAWARE THAT A SUPERFLUITY OF CULINARY ASSISTANCE IS APT TO EXERCISE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT UPON THE *COQSOMME*, STILL—”
 * * * “I feel that at a crisis in the fortunes of the country, which I am persuaded is grave and daily increasing in gravity, I should put my views into the common stock.”—Lord Rosebery at Mentmore.



THE MITYLENE MARCH.

(SOLO FOR THE FRENCH HORN.)

THE SULTAN.—“I DON'T LIKE SOLOS! GIVE ME THE GOOD OLD-FASHIONED EUROPEAN CONCERTO!”

* * * The demands of France remaining unsettled, the French fleet had occupied the three principal ports of Mitylene.



COLONEL JONATHAN J. BULL:

OR, WHAT JOHN B. MAY COME TO.

*. An influential American syndicate had submitted a scheme for erecting gigantic office buildings, or "skyscrapers," in the Strand.



OUT OF DRAWING.

MR. BULL.—“HERE, HANG IT ALL, I’M NOT LIKE *THAT*! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THOSE GLASSES OF YOURS!”

. The German Press were publishing the grossest calumnies on the character of the British soldier.



THE CHESTERFIELD HAMLET.

LORD RUSSELL *in leading rôle* :—

"THE 'PARTY'S' OUT OF JOINT:—O, CURSED SPIE,
THAT EVER I WAS 'ASKED' TO SET IT RIGHT!"

Act I., Scene 5, "Mr. PUNCH'S" Edition.

. The endeavour to reunite the divided sections of the Liberal party was indeed a hard task



PARTNERS.

BRITANNIA.—"AFTER ALL, MY DEAR, WE NEEDN'T TROUBLE OURSELVES ABOUT THE OTHERS."

COLONIA.—"NO; WE CAN ALWAYS DANCE TOGETHER, YOU AND I!"

* * Thanks to the close relations with her Colonies, England was able to regard with equanimity the attitude of the Continental Powers.



FRONTISPIECE DROPPING THE PILOT. (March 29, 1890.)

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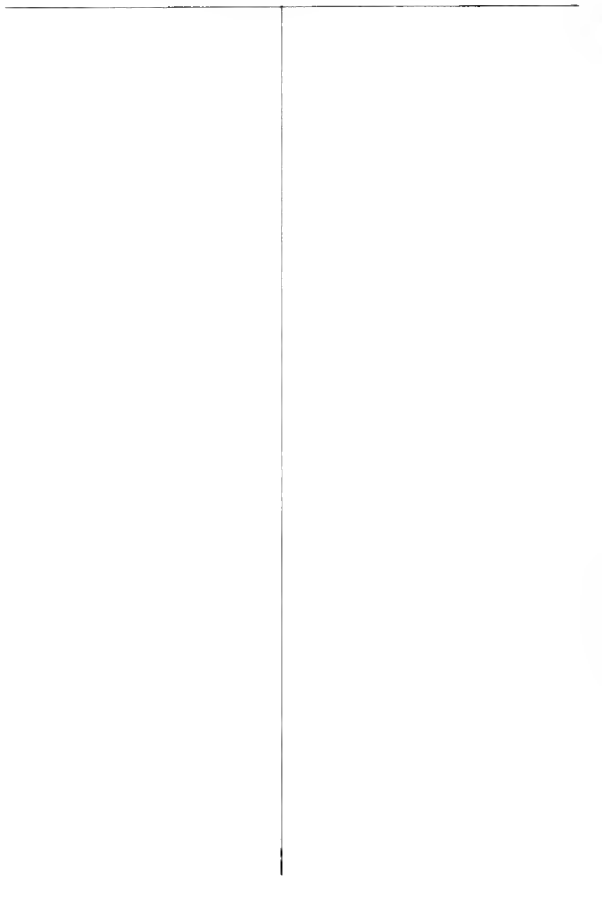
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